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HENRY REINHARDT.
Chicago, March 15, 1873. JOSEPH FOREMAN.

MEETINGS.

Masonic.

Summons communication of H. W. Bigelow Lodge No. 493 A. F. and A. M., this Wednesday evening, at Lessing Hall, No. 12 North Clinton-st. All members are hereby notified to be present. Business of importance to every member will come before the Lodge. By order of
R. T. SMITH, W. M.
H. O. COLLINS, Sec'y.

Masonic.

Blazer Lodge No. 311 F. and A. M. holds a special communication this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at Oriental Hall, on LaSalle-st. Work on F. C. degree. The craft are invited. By order of
C. W. DAY, W. M.

WASHINGTON.

Senator Bogy, of Missouri, Desires to Be Investigated.

Speculations on the Result of the Caldwell Case.

General Webster for Assistant Treasurer in This City.

Proceedings in the Senate Yesterday.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The continued assaults on Caldwell, from both Democratic and Republican quarters, encourage the hope that he will finally be expelled. Senator Morton said to-night that he would not be surprised if his resolution declaring the seat vacant would be carried, but this is not generally anticipated, although the debate of the last few days has had the effect to make a perceptible gain of votes in the direction of expulsion. Senator Conkling has the floor to-morrow, when an elaborate and technical argument may be expected against the Morton resolution.

CINCINNATI SUB-TREASURER.

There is an evident intention to delay the appointment of the Assistant Treasurer for Cincinnati until the next session of Congress. Whether it is because there are so many applicants, or Senator Sherman desires to consult with his constituted does not as yet appear. Nevertheless, this statement may be confidently made, that the new office will not be filled for some time yet.

REVENUE COLLECTORS.

The President, to-morrow, will send the following appointments to the Senate: R. H. Whiting, present Assessor of the Fifth Illinois District, to be Collector; W. P. Johnston, Assessor Second Kentucky District, to be Collector; F. S. Hill, Assessor Fourth Kentucky District, to Collector; William P. Sapp, to be Collector of the Thirteenth Ohio District, vice A. A. Guthrie; Henry Hamden, Assessor Second Wisconsin District, to be Collector.

CHICAGO SUB-TREASURY.

The appointment of Gen. Webster to the Assistant Treasurership of Chicago is not in accordance with the wishes of Senator Logan, to say nothing of the rest of the Illinois delegation. As to this selection, the President says it is his own choice, and that he has any influence with the present Administration, he is going to have his own way in this instance at least.

EXONERATED.

The report of Messrs. Holman, Foster, and Ferry, made the last day of the session in the case of Commissioner Douglass, charged with embezzlement, as a Collector in the Nineteenth Pennsylvania District, entirely exonerates that officer, and throws the blame of the loss of funds to the Government on his subordinates.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Ex-Senator Sawyer, of South Carolina, was today nominated and confirmed to the Assistant Secretaryship of the Treasury, made vacant by the promotion of Richardson. Sawyer is Richardson's brother-in-law, and, besides, is a native of Massachusetts. This appointment carries out the original slate, which it was so badly feared was broken a few days since. During his career in the Senate, Sawyer was not especially distinguished for his knowledge of financial matters.

SENATOR BOGY.

In view of the memorials that have been laid before the Senate, and the rumors that have been afloat charging bribery and corruption in connection with the election of Louis V. Bogy to the Senate, that gentleman announced from his place to-day that, till there shall have been a full investigation of all the charges, he does not propose to take any active part in the Senate. Bogy covets the fullest inquiry in his case. In accordance with his request, the Committee on Privileges and Elections will meet to-morrow, and proceed with an investigation of the case. It is not known whether witnesses will be summoned, and it is hardly possible that the Committee will continue the investigation after the close of the session.

[To the Associated Press.]

NATIONAL BANK AUTHORIZED.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Comptroller of the Currency authorizes the City National Bank of Paducah, Ky., with a capital of $200,000 to commence business.

RAILROAD TAXES.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, acting under the late decision of the United States Supreme Court, has rejected seven claims made by railroad companies for the refunding of taxes paid on the interest dividends and profits.

NOMINATIONS.

The President made the following nominations: E. A. Thomas, New York, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Wyoming Territory; Jason B. Brown, Indiana, Secretary of Wyoming Territory; Hiram Latham, Surveyor General, Wyoming; B. F. Campbell, Register of the Land Office at Vermillion, Dakota; Collectors of Internal Revenue—Isaac H. Duvall, First District of West Virginia; S. H. Bailey, Fourth District of Michigan; Alexis Cape, Sixteenth District of Ohio. Postmasters—Robert S. Kendrick, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. S. Krake, Bavenna, O.; William Jackson, Rock Island, Ill.; James Newby, Cambridge City, Ind.; P. Cuner, Upper Sandusky, Ohio; B. J. Tompkins, Mount Carroll, Ill.; F. M. Cassiday, Winterset, Iowa.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations: John Geoforth, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, to take effect April 5; David Noggie, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Idaho; J. P. Slough, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Dakota; A. P. K. Safford, Governor of Arizona; Coles Bashford, Secretary of Arizona; Frank Hall, Secretary of Colorado; William G. Rich, Secretary of New Mexico; James F. Lane, United States Attorney of Iowa; Register of the Land Office, William H. Fitzpatrick, Topeka, Kansas; Collectors of Internal Revenue—Sherman Bailey, Fourth District of Michigan; Lewis Weitzel, Thirteenth District of Ohio. Surveyors of Customs—Thomas Steele, Pittsburh, Pa.; R. H. Stephenson, Cincinnati, O.; W. T. Miller, Alton, Ill.; Geo. Fisher, Cairo, Ill.; James P. Luse, Louisville, Ky.; Wm. B. Halliday, Wheeling, W. Va.; Ell Evans, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Philip Hambrook, Evansville, Ind. Charles Dillingham, Naval Officer, New Orleans.

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COLLECTOR CASEY.

Col. Casey's confirmation as Collector of New Orleans is earnestly opposed. Senator West is against him, but more, he says, in the interests of the State of Louisiana than with the hope of defeating him. It is said that the vote will be close.

COMMISSIONERS TO VIENNA.

The following persons have been appointed by the President to attend the Vienna Exposition:

Practical Artisans—Lyman Bridges, Illinois; George A. Stanberry, Ohio.

Scientific men—J. Lawrence Smith, Kentucky; John A. Warder, Ohio.

A large number of honorary Commissioners to the Exhibition have also been appointed.

THE BALTIMORE COLLECTOR.

A delegation of colored men from Baltimore, headed by Bishop Wayman, called on the President this morning, in behalf of the retention of Collector Thomas at that port.

SENATE—EXTRA SESSION.

SENATOR BOGY.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator BOGY (Mo.) said that during his absence, yesterday, a memorial was presented from certain members of the Missouri Legislature, asking the Senate to investigate the charges of improper means, bribery, and corruption, in the procurement of his election. He then proceeded to relate the circumstances under which he was elected in that contest. It was alleged that money had been used, but at no time was he or his distinguished competitor charged with using money. One man, however, without political distinction, but of large fortune, was charged with having made up his mind to buy his seat. Immediately after his (Bogy's) election, a resolution was passed in the House of Representatives for the appointment of a committee to inquire whether money was improperly used in the Senatorial election. After nearly one month, the Committee made a lenghty report, in which it was stated that there was no evidence, directly or indirectly, to criminate the Senator-elect, Bogy, and fully exonerated him. The Committee also found that no member of the General Assembly received money, directly or indirectly, to influence his vote. At his instance the Committee extended the investigation, and made another report, reaffirming the first report, and asked to be discharged. This matter, it was thought, was ended, but it appeared some of the Republicans had presented a memorial to the Senate asking for an investigation. This memorial was in general terms. It did not say that anything could be proved. This was a matter of great importance. Here was a State, which had as bright a record, and whose escutcheon was as clear of stain as any other State, and therefore he might well claim as a right, due himself and his State, that the Senate at once take up the case. If he had any reputation for anything above another, it was that of being an honest man; and, though he admitted he was an ardent politician, he had never been charged with corruption. He did not like to be held up before the country as a man who had obtained his seat here by improper means. He could not vote to expel or retain any member of this body while he himself was subject to investigation. Under these circumstances, he should suspend his functions on all such questions.

CALDWELL.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Caldwell case.

Mr. NORWOOD said the Senate had the perfect and absolute power to declare void an election procured by bribery and fraud, and remit the matter to the State for a new election.

Mr. THURMAN said the result of his examination of the testimony was that the election of Caldwell was thoroughly corrupt. He had examined much evidence in his time, and never had he seen evidence so conclusive and damaging as this. He found that the Committee on Privileges and Elections unanimously reported the most material facts.

Mr. CARPENTER replied that, as a member of the Committee, he dissented from the finding of facts, but had not time to write a dissenting report.

Mr. THURMAN did not deny what the Senator said, but he found facts in the report upon which they were called to act. If they did not turn out a man whose election was procured by fraud, or declare the seat vacant until they obtained stronger testimony, the power to do so might as well be stricken from the Constitution. The legal argument was in a narrow compass. The Senate has the power under the Constitution to judge of the election qualifications and returns of its members, and therefore it could not be a violation of State rights to exercise the power conferred in that instrument.

No further debate took place.

TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. WINDOM offered a resolution that the Committee on Transportation be authorized to sit during the recess, and report to the Senate on the subject of transportation between the interior and seaboard, with the power to send for persons and papers, &c.

The Senate then went into Executive session, and afterward

Adjourned.

NEW YORK.

The East River Bridge—A Sunday-School Superintendent as a Smuggler—Bond Robbery—Sentenced—The Tombs.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Work has commenced on the Brooklyn anchorage of the East River bridge. These will consist of enormous masses of masonry, 130 feet long and 120 wide. An excavation has been made, 25 feet deep, at York and Front streets. At the bottom a timber platform four feet thick will be laid, and upon this will be placed the masonry. At the depth of about 18 feet will be placed four enormous iron plates weighing 23 tons apiece. Immense arms radiate from the plates, to which are fastened chains which hold the cables. The plates will be held down by masonry weighing several thousand tons. A few feet below the surface the workmen struck a bed of superior building soil, which will save the Company $15,000. Several old landmarks have been destroyed, and many curious articles have been found. In one spot a collection of old copper coins was discovered. The Brooklyn tower is now 150 feet high, and the New York tower 50 feet. Work will soon be resumed, and it is hoped both will be completed this year.

The deficiency in the amount of building in this city on account of the eight-hour agitation is computed at 15 per cent. The masters are operating with half the usual force, and thousands of mechanics are unable to obtain employment. The influence of 20 per cent addition to wages has brought the cost higher than rent can cover.

Treasury Agent Jayne reports that a well-known and highly respected Wall street sugar inspector, who is also a Sunday-School Superintendent, and a member of a Board of Foreign Missions, has been detected in smuggling silks in sugar samples, which are passed free. The extraordinary weight of the samples excited suspicion. The duty on the silks captured amounts to $600, and it is believed that the smuggling has been successfully carried on for a long time. Mr. Jayne refuses to disclose the name of the culprit.

The Baltic arrived from Queenstown this evening, with C. McSweeney on board, to whom was entrusted the flag intended as a present to the Sixty-ninth Regiment by the men of Tipperary. The Baltic was delayed by storms, and on Sunday she blew a sheet off the boiler. The flag is green silk, embroidered with golden fringe, and cost $1,000. McSweeney has delivered it to O'Donovan Rossa, one of the Committee appointed to receive it.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, March 18.—A robbery of bonds, amounting to $168,000, from the office of the President of the Pennsylvania and Western Railroad, in Broad street, on Saturday, is reported this morning. The thieves, of whom there were two, entered the office while the President was at lunch. No arrests have been made. The bonds, being of the company, will be difficult of negotiation.

The Board of Supervisors are to investigate their clerk, Young, who is charged with complicity in the ring frauds.

In Brooklyn, to-day, Wm. L. Hatch, a detective, convicted of perjury in a divorce suit, was sentenced to six years and three months, and David Dowd and Eugene Small, the boy "fire bugs," convicted of arson, were sentenced to seven years each in the State Prison.

The Committee investigating the condition of the Tombs report in favor of the demolition of the building fronting on Centre street, and the erection of an entirely new structure.

EVANSVILLE.

An Incendiary Convicted—The Hartman Homicide.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 18.—John B. Simpson was to-day convicted of setting fire to Wilfershire & Kneik's cooper shop on the morning of Feb. 11, and was sentenced to the penetentiary for ten years.

Examinations in the Hartman homicide case were began yesterday and will occupy several days. The best legal talent in the city is engaged on both sides.

Utah Items.

SALT LAKE, March 18.—Mrs. Senator Logan was at Provo, to-day, arranging for the removal of the remains of her father, Capt. Cunningham, to Illinois.

The *Journal* this evening has a statement that on the night Mr. Cunningham died a number of men assembled around his house, cursing the Gentiles, thinking the old Captain dead, and acting otherwise in the most shameful manner.

In a criminal case before a Mormon Justice, where the defendant was fined, notice for appeal was refused on the ground that Chief Justice McKean had decided there could be no appeal under the present law from a Justice's Court. The Justice said he differed from McKean's ruling, but intended to adhere to it, as the authority of a superior tribunal.

Three companies, with with nearly $1,000,000 cash capital, principally from New York and Brooklyn, are organizing for the purchase and development of mining property in the northwestern part of the Territory.

Several rumors are in circulation affecting the solvency of one of the leading monetary institutions of the city.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, March 18.—To-day Gov. Washburn returned to the Assembly its bill authorizing the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company to bridge the Mississippi River at LaCrosse, with his objections, based solely on a general reason and not at all on local grounds. He holds that the Federal Government, through Congress, has absolute control of the navigation of the Mississippi River; that this bridge was by act of Congress of April, 1872, to be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and the kind of bridge authorized to be built was defined in the law, and another act of June, 1872, provided that, in locating any such bridge, the Secretary of War shall have due regard to the security and convenience of navigation, the convenience of access, and the wants of all the railways and highways across said river. Under such acts, a Board of United States Engineers twice decided on a location for the bridge. The point fixed was not where the people of LaCrosse or the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company desired, but they declared that, in view of the obstruction to navigation, and the accommodation of converging roads at or near LaCrosse, it was the proper place, and they decided that the location at the point desired by the Milwaukee & St. Paul Company would interfere with navigation. In this bill, the Governor says, the Legislature says to the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, "Disregard the authority of Congress, the action of the Secretary of War, and the Board of Engineers, and build a bridge from the point of your selection, and instead of putting in a draw such as the law of Congress requires, which shall be 160 feet in the clear, put in a suitable draw, of which you are to be the judge; instead of putting in your piers parallel with the current, as the law of Congress required, put them as you like." Quoting at length from the report of the locating Board of Engineers, the Governor concludes: "I cannot approve the bill without sanctioning the nullification of a law of Congress plainly authorized by the Constitution. It is an assertion of State rights never before claimed within my knowledge where Congress had already affirmatively acted in the premises, in any section of the Union, not even in that section of country where those rights have been most watchfully guarded; nor am I willing to say that the Government Engineers have failed to discharge the duty imposed upon them under the law of Congress."

After hearing the message read, the Assembly adjourned till the afternoon. At 3 o'clock the bill was taken up as a special order, the message then having gone to the printer, and, without any further consideration or any debate, passed by barely the requisite two-thirds, secured by tremendous pressure and the most powerful influences. The vote was announced 58 to 30, whereupon Mr. Vilas, of this city, changed from the negative to the affirmative, making it 59 to 29. The bill comes up in the Senate to-night, and the friends of the Governor are confident he will not be overruled there.

Last night, an unfriendly amendment was adopted to the bill designed to enable the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company to get lands in advance of fulfilling the conditions of its charter, and this afternoon the rule subject was indefinitely postponed. The bill reported from the Railroad Committee last night has passed both Houses, requiring bridges on the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers to be constructed in accordance with the regulations and plans of the United States Engineers, in order not to interfere with navigation.

Both Houses have concurred in the bill for an investigation into the management of the Mineral Point Railroad Company.

Both Houses have killed the propositions to refer to the Governor for adjustment the question of title to certain lands between the West Wisconsin Company and the St. Croix & Superior grant.

The Assembly has passed resolutions highly complimentary of Speaker Barron, and the Senate of Lieut.-Gov. Pettit, and its elective officers, and the reporters. Other business was as follows:

SENATE.

Last night a resolution was offered commending the action of the Wisconsin Congressmen who voted against the increase of salaries, and severely censuring Senator Carpenter and Mr. Eldridge, who voted for it. This was amended to-day, and adopted by striking out the names, and disapproving the action not only of those who voted for such increase, but those who took it after voting against it.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly concurred, by a vote of 84 to 5, in the joint resolution ratifying the constitutional amendment prohibiting counties, towns, and villages becoming indebted for any purpose to an amount exceeding 5 per cent of the value of taxable property; also, the bills to make the Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and Attorney-General a State Board of Assessment; to codify and revise the laws relating to public printing, and the publication and distribution of statutes and other public documents; providing a new schedule for State printing; requiring newspapers to be printed two years before they can compete for county printing; to provide for the sale of delinquent lands by County Treasurers; to provide for the settlement of the claim of Morgan L. Martin against the State on account of his suit with the Fox & Wisconsin River Improvement Company.

Both Houses have agreed to terminate business at 11 o'clock to-morrow, leaving twenty-four hours for enrolling and signing bills.

The Senate, to-night, voted to postpone the consideration of the LaCrosse Bridge bill veto till to-morrow morning. An absentee favorable to the Railroad Company has been sent for by special engine, and the Company thus hopes to have the bill passed to-morrow.

MICHIGAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, March 18.—Col. Deland, of Saginaw, and Gen. Withington, of Jackson, introduced, in the Senate and House, respectively, resolutions condemning those Congressmen who voted extra pay, regretting that any allowed themselves to take it, and expressing satisfaction that both Michigan Senators, and two-thirds of her Congressmen voted against the measure.

The vote by which the bill regulating challenges to jurors in criminal trials was lost yesterday, was reconsidered, and the bill passed. The purpose of the bill is to prevent the rejection of jurors on trivial grounds.

Twenty-two bills passed in 57 minutes in the Senate this morning.

A bill passed the House regulating the management of mutual fire insurance companies.

A debate is progressing in the House, to-night, over the concurrent resolution to take a recess from April 5 to Jan. 7, next.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., March 18.—In the House today a preamble and resolution were offered, setting forth that

WHEREAS, Wholesale rumors of corrupting influences used among the members of the House were in circulation, to secure the adoption or defeat of certain measures, affecting the honor of the Legislature seriously, therefore

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, and investigate into the truth of said rumors and report as early as practicable.

Adopted—53 to 3.

The general railroad bill as amended by the Committee was taken up in the Senate to-day, and, without material change, was ordered to third reading.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, March 18.—In the State Senate, today, Messrs. Lowery and Allen were added to the Tweed Investigating Committee after a long and excited discussion.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 18.—In the House, this afternoon, the House bill to authorize one Justice of the Peace to lay an action against another Justice, for refusing to pay over money he has officially collected, was passed; also, House bill to increase the fees of witnesses in Justices' Courts to one dollar per day. The Currency Committee reported back the Senate bill to repeal the Usury law, recommending its passage. After being amended so as to allow banks of issue to charge not to exceed 9 per cent, the bill was ordered printed.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 18.—Notice was given in the Senate, to-day, of a joint resolution raising a committee to investigate the funding of the Halford bonds. A resolution was adopted instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the constitutionality of the law passed by the last Legislature, authorizing the issuance of $3,000,000 levee bonds. A bill passed creating the County of Baxter. It has gone to the Governor.

THE FIRE ERA.

Partial Destruction of a Montreal Hotel—Narrow Escape from a Holocaust—Two Persons Jump from the Fifth Story and Die of Their Injuries—The Centreville Conflagration—Fires at Ogdensburg, New Hamburg, and Elsewhere—Burned to Death.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MONTREAL, March 18.—Early this morning the St. James Hotel, a five-story building, on Victoria Square, took fire. The servant girls, who slept in the fifth story, finding escape temporarily cut off, turned in despair to the windows, and three of them threw themselves to the sidewalk, where their fall was partially broken by a heap of mattresses and other soft materials. Their condition is precarious. One girl hung by the hands out of the window for twenty minutes, till rescued by the firemen. A man jumped out of the fifth story to the sidewalk, and was picked up for dead, though he lived for a time. Numbers of others were seriously injured. Thomas, of the Ontario Bank, made a rope of quilts, which, after he was part of the way down, gave way, and he fell to the ground. A man named Belcher did the same. Heildich climbed from one window to another, but finally slipped and fell. During this time the spectators were greatly excited, and a portion of the fire brigade devoted all of their time to rescuing life. The roof, the fifth and fourth stories were consumed by fire, while the remainder was only saved by flooding with water. The loss by fire and damage is large, but the amount is not ascertained.

LATER.—Two more victims of the fire this morning have died at the hospital, and a smothered body has been found. Others are expected to die hourly. The loss, it is believed, will not much exceed $20,000, as the damage by fire was only in the upper part of the building.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—George Neimeyer's carriage manufactory, at the southwest corner of Walnut and Liberty streets, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is not less than $30,000. Insured for $25,000, in the Enterprise, German Mutual, and Washington Companies of this city.

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CINCINNATI, O., March 18.—Advices received from Centerville, O., up to 9 o'clock last night state that the fire was not subdued till it had destroyed all the houses on the south side of Main street. Among those consumed are the dwellings of Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Steele, John Roof, John Davis, and Dr. Jenkins, and also his drug store, the saddleries of John Steele and Mr. Davis, and the store-room of Lloyd & Thomas, in which was kept the Post-Office. The loss will reach $35,000, on which there is very little insurance.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, March 18.—Another incendiary fire at Cedar Falls, Iowa, last night, destroyed two blocks, owned by L. H. Severin, and occupied by Fitcher & Pennock, dry goods; loss total; insured for $4,000; W. J. Fitcher, furniture dealer, loss total; insured for $500; B. Thorp, Jr., dry goods, loss total; insurance, $4,000; Stearns & Odell, furniture dealers, partial loss; insured for $2,000; Price Bros., picture gallery, over Story's store; loss unknown. There are a dozen other smaller losses. The total loss is $20,000; insurance about $15,000. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. This is the third of this kind, and it creates intense excitement. A number of firemen were injured by falling walls. P. Dowd had an arm broken; Peter Negley, legs badly bruised; John Philpot, burned about the head and face; J. B. Cavanaugh, badly injured; James Williams, thumb cut off by an engine.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 18.—On Sunday night a boy and girl, children of a colored man named Reed, were burned to death in a house two miles from New Albany, Ind., in the absence of their father. An older boy escaped from the burning building.

MACON, Ga., March 18.—A fire on Cotton avenue, this morning, destroyed twenty-five frame buildings, twelve of which were stores and shops.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., March 18.—A fire in Grand Rapids, to-night, destroyed Baxter's furniture store. Loss, $4,000.

NEW HAMBURGH, N. Y., March 18.—The dye-house of the Duchess Print Works burned this morning. The loss is $50,000. Six hundred persons are thrown out of employment.

OGDENSBURGH, N. Y., March 18.—The fire in this city, on Sunday morning, was very destructive, and threatened the whole town. The entire losses will be $150,000. Among the heaviest losers are J. H. Morgan, grocer, and B. H. Houston. Much of the loss was occasioned by

FUTURE JURIES.

Proposal to Pay Jurymen a Regular Yearly Salary.

The Jury Agitation Spreading to Other Countries.

New Bill in England---Lamentable Picture of Juries in Ireland.

A Chicago Official Interviewed --- He Suggests the Enlargement of Judges' Powers.

Symptoms of a coming change in the jury system are over rising to the surface. All contributions to the thought of the day on this subject are of interest. The following paper from "E. F. A." expresses opinions that many will read approvingly:

For some time past there has been a good deal of newspaper discussion of the evils of our present jury system, and, so far as I have seen, without any very pertinent suggestions as to appropriate remedies. It seems to me that, in large cities, at least, there can be no remedy which does not include an entire reversal of our present theory and practice of jury trials. It is evident that no person is qualified to sit as a juror who has not the integrity and capacity necessary to success in business for himself, and in difficult cases the best business talent of the community is essential to the successful administration of justice. In the complex relations of our modern business life, however, it is frequently impossible to suddenly take a suitable man from the conduct of his own affairs to put him on jury service without doing him an injury far greater than that which, in the capacity of a juror, he may be called to remedy for some other person whom he never saw, and in whom he has not the slightest interest. The appearance of an officer in search of jurymen, in any large business establishment, is followed by a *stampede*, just as certainly as the official presence becomes known. I have myself known a respectable and law-abiding citizen, whom I know to be sincerely desirous of discharging all social duties to the community in which he lives, but whom modesty forbids me to name, to ignominiously flee to the basement before the face of such an emissary of justice.

The theory has been that the State is entitled to the service of its best citizens to decide the facts in judicial trials; but to carry out this theory would involve such enormous injustice to innocent parties that no court ever undertakes to do it, nor would public sentiment justify it, if it were undertaken. But if it is not right to take Potter Palmer or the editor of THE TRIBUNE from the conduct of their affairs to try a twenty dollar suit for some stranger, neither is it right to take John Smith for the same service, who dislikes to go as much as either of the other gentlemen, and perhaps cannot afford the time as well as they.

This theory became established in a state of society very different from that of the present day, and the history of the whole subject would be a very interesting and instructive topic for some TRIBUNE man to work up. If I am not mistaken, it will be found to have its origin in a supposed personal right of a citizen to a trial by a jury of his peers, rather than in any assumed right of the State to the services of its citizens.

This right of the State, however, undoubtedly exists, but it is akin to that of eminent domain, and must be exercised under the same restriction, that of paying the man whose property (or time) is taken whatever that property (or time) is worth. If a man's time is worth $100 per day, and you take him away for jury service, he ought to be paid $100 per day for his work. I do not hesitate to say that, except for the common defense, the State has no right, moral, legal, or constitutional, to the services of any of its citizens, without the payment of a full equivalent therefor.

I am aware that a distinction may be drawn between civil and criminal cases, and that it may be claimed that the latter, at least, the State, for its own protection, may insist upon the services of its best men; but in this case the selection should be as impartial as a draft for military duty, but aside from this, the fatal objection that it is especially in criminal cases that this privilege of jury is a personal right, belonging to the criminal, and not to the State—one of the legacies of that feudal system to which we owe so many of our peculiar and cherished habits of thought.

I cannot further trespass on your space, but I am anxious to see the matter discussed in this light. I have not the authorities at my command, and wish to argue the question, with only the imperfect impressions of a general reader; but I will not do your readers the injustice of proposing to tear down one edifice without proposing a plan for another. I propose, for every court in our large cities, at least:

One or two juries of three men each.

All jurors to be appointed by the Governor or Mayor.

The term of service to be not less than three years.

The salary to be from $2,500 to $5,000, according to grade of court.

A sufficient number of extra jurymen, at average salaries, to supply the places of such as might be absent from any of the courts.

No challenges, except for cause.

I am sure that from a plan must have been proposed before, though I have not seen it. Will you not kindly state the objections which have been raised to it?

In England, in Ireland, as well as in several of the States, the feeling on the subject of the jury system has assumed the proportions of a public agitation.

IN NEW YORK.

The New York *Tribune* says "the system of trial by jury, from the preparation of the jury lists to the rendering of a verdict, has become a topic of general discussion, and lawyers are alive to the necessity of reforming it," and sends out its reporters to glean the opinions of the lawyers and judges.

Henry Nicoll said jurors in the earliest times were selected for the accuracy of their knowledge of the matter to be tried, whereas precisely the opposite is now an essential. It is questionable whether the old system was not the best. To secure proper verdicts an intelligent man should be made to reform the system without involving any organic changes. It might be advisable to take a verdict rendered by a majority of the jury, but in such a case there would be properly no change, for as seven jurors would constitute a majority, and the concurrent vote of the seven would be required in rendering a verdict, the jury might be limited as easily to that number, the only benefit to be otherwise derived existing in the interchange of opinions, and the direction that might be given by the minority to the force and character of the verdict. Mr. Nicoll does not think it necessary to change the jury system by providing for less than a unanimous verdict. The radical reform required is in the selection of jurors, and the determination of their qualifications. The best men, tax-payers, should be placed on the list, and the preparation of the jury-list and the summoning of jurors should be intrusted to capable and honest officers. Mr. Nicoll regards as a matter of the greatest importance the necessity of keeping a jury together, and not permitting the members to separate, particularly in capital cases, until they have rendered a verdict.

Joshua M. Van Cott said there are constitutional objections to be considered, as no essential changes could be made in the jury system without constitutional enactment. In support of this view, he referred to the Canceni case, wherein the Court of Appeals decided that a verdict by eleven jurors was unlawful, notwithstanding the stipulation of the defendant to accept such a verdict. Whatever changes are desirable must be carefully considered, but he thought it expedient to change the system by providing for less than unanimity in the rendering of a verdict. Ample provision for "struck" juries in both civil and criminal cases should also be made.

District-Attorney Phelps was of the opinion that it is difficult to get the best men as jurors, and there is much fault to be found with a class of intelligent citizens who evade jury service, and fail to respond to those duties which they, in common with the rest of the community, insist should be discharged with intelligence and rectitude.

IN ENGLAND.

The feeling of insecurity that has grown up in consequence of the palpable ignorance, prejudices, and illiterateness, not to say the want of common sense, that prevails among the average jurymen of the day, has created even a more marked sensation across the ocean than here. In England, forced on by the pressure of public opinion, and by the changed feeling of the bar, Sir John Coleridge, the Attorney-General, has introduced in the Imperial Parliament a bill to allow of the trial of civil causes by juries of seven men.

IN IRELAND.

The effects of the old jury system in Ireland were alleged to have been exceedingly discouraging to those who desired to witness a pure administration of justice in that country. A bill for the improvement of the system was last year introduced in the Imperial Parliament and passed, one of the principal reforms of which was the increase of the qualification entitling the juror to serve; for in Ireland, curiously enough, no man can be summoned to appear on a jury who does not possess a certain fixed income or real estate.

In answer to Mr. Bruen, who made inquiries as to the working of this act, the Marquis of Hartington said he had caused inquiry to be made into the operation of the Juries act of last session, and had found that at the Clare Assizes, which took place the other day, when the panel was called over, the names of several jurors were answered to by other parties. In one instance, after the verdict was given, and when it was necessary to sign the issue paper, it was found that the foreman was unable to write, and the issue paper had to be signed by the second juror on the list. In another instance it appeared that a juror was acquainted only with the Irish language, and that he was consequently not sworn. It appeared to him that there had not yet been sufficient time to form a correct judgment on the working of the act. Very careful inquiries were being made during the present assizes as to its operation; and, if necessary, steps would be taken without delay to amend the act. The bill, when introduced by the Government, provided, as a qualification for serving on juries, for a much higher sum than that which was ultimately inserted in the act. On the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce of Dublin, the qualification for special jurors was reduced by one-half, and the same thing was done in other cases with respect to both common and special jurors at the request of various influential persons. It was quite possible that this lowering might have been carried too far, and that the question of qualification might require revision.

IN CHICAGO.

It is not necessary to go over again the evils of which Chicago has to complain in this jury system. It is only the other day that we passed a new law which was to cure the abuses then prevailing; and but a few months after that act had gone into operation the city woke up one morning to find, according to an article in this journal, that it was paying at the rate of $150,000 per annum over and above the old expenditure, for the new privilege, without any compensating advantages whatever. If proof were wanting as to the perfect accuracy of THE TRIBUNE'S information, it would be found in the fact that the alarm given was followed instantly by the County Commissioners making an order to suspend the extraordinary payments then being made, the bench of Circuit Court Judges also finding it necessary to make some reforms when the excitement had begun to pronounce on the practices we exposed, when they ruled in accordance with the action of the Commissioners.

EXTEND THE POWER OF JUDGES.

It is therefore apparent that we of Chicago are not much better off than our neighbors in this matter of juries; and in connection with the paper given above, the opinion of a gentleman who, from long experience of jurors and thorough candor, is well qualified to speak, is given below. He said, speaking in reply to a TRIBUNE reporter, that jurors ought to continue to be drawn as now provided by law. Experience shows that not more than twenty per cent of those drawn are actually impaneled to serve as jurors, for various reasons; for instance, some are doctors, some lawyers, other are over or under age, some are sick, and some are exempt, so that no matter what amount of diligence is exercised by the officer, numbers must escape. If not more than twenty per cent of those drawn actually serve, the question is how to fill up the panel on each occasion too much delay, and prove an obstruction to business, to draw again, with the same result necessarily, until the jury panel was filled; the court would be obliged to remain idle. The most feasible way would seem to be the use of a special venire, which allows the officer to select his own men. It is objected against this selection that bailiffs, as a general rule, are not circumspect in their selections, and it is broadly charged by some that for a consideration a jury may be impaneled under the special venire to suit the highest bidder. Therefore, the special venire system, as at present practiced, not answering all purposes, the most unobjectionable plan that suggests itself is to place the responsibility of having good jurors in our courts on the Judges themselves. Bailiffs are now appointed—and no one will dispute this assertion—as a quid pro quo for services rendered at the primaries; and by removing the power of appointing bailiffs from the Sheriff and placing that power in the hands of the Judges, each Circuit Judge may appoint his own bailiffs, men of reliable character could be obtained for the money now paid, who would be responsible to no political organization for their places, being answerable only to the Judge, who should have full power of removal for cause. By this means good jurors would be produced; for no bailiff, so responsible, would dare to transgress under the pains of his principal, where detection would be almost certain, and punishment prompt and final. This system being adopted, a return to the old payment of jurors would be safe and practicable,—without fear of professional jurors,—namely, $1.50 per day; and, where they reside out of the city, five cents each way, once.

DRIVER'S COUNSEL.

Letter from John Mason, Esq.—His Slanderers and Revilers Referred to Headquarters for Information Concerning the Way He Defended George Driver.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Immediately upon my restoration to health, after a short but agonizing illness, to my great surprise I learn that I have been villainously slandered by some of the press in this city in regard to the George Driver case; that his case was not properly conducted in court, and that his lawyer, John Mason, was not in a condition to conduct his case, etc., etc.

A few words will suffice to refute all these lying slanders. Above all other men, the Judge who presided during that trial, and the State's Attorney who prosecuted George Driver, know better than any other men on earth whether his case was fully and properly conducted by me, from the impaneling of the jury to the overruling of the motions for a new trial and in arrest of judgment.

And I challenge the strictest scrutiny into my conduct in every respect, in regard to the manner and sufficiency of my defense, or my personal condition in reference to sobriety, during the whole of that tedious, grave, and important investigation. To the learned Judge and the able State's Attorney, I refer as men, with the fullest conviction that either or both of those gentlemen will assert that I defended George Driver, upon that occasion, in a thorough manner, and left no stone unturned that could in any way have contributed towards saving his life. Some of those vile slanderers have already inquired of the State's Attorney, and all such have received the reply that George Driver could not have been more fully and honestly defended.

Now as to the Supreme Court, one word, and I have done. I in person went to Washington with the record, presented it to Judge McAllister in all due form, with the assignment of errors, and with my brief, in which I discussed at length all those errors which I deemed material. After some days' careful deliberation upon the points presented by me on the record made, the Judge refused to allow a writ of error in the case.

Now Judge McAllister knows better than any other man can know that I have done all my duty as a lawyer in presenting that record and applying for the writ.

Perhaps some malcontent will wish to learn these facts from Judge McAllister, himself; let him apply, and the response will be without hesitancy, as it must be favorable to me.

In justice to me, and in vindication of my reputation, I request you to publish these few lines.

I write the foregoing, not with a view to gratify any of the slanderers, but for the purpose of satisfying any innocent-minded man, who might possibly be led astray by these insatiable vampires. Respectfully yours, JOHN MASON,

CHICAGO, March 18, 1873. Counselor at Law.

THE NEW COURT-HOUSE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: It is pretty generally understood that members of the Building Committee on the new Court-House and City-Hall plans have, at various times not only inspected the drawings of some favored architects, but also suggested the digesting of their plans. Assuming such reports to be facts,—which I have every reason to believe they are,—it is a gross violation of the assurance contained in the Schedule of general instructions issued by the Board of Committee as a guarantee of impartiality in making their award, and would be exceedingly unjust to all honorable competitors who wish their designs classified strictly according to their merits, should such an extraordinary, absurd, and significant method of proceeding be permitted to continue to the end of the competition.

I do not wish to insinuate or censure a single individual on the Building Committee without sufficient grounds; but it occurs to me that, when any of the Committee have characterized their position by visiting different offices engaged in the competition, not only for the purpose of examining the plans, but also privileging themselves with expressed ideas favorable to the object of their mission, at that moment they manifestly committed themselves to an eccentric individuality. Their opinion became notorious in the interest of such architects, making themselves wholly incompatible to the position they occupy. Their acquaintance with the authors, and preconceived impression of such designs, render them absolutely disqualified to give an impartial decision, and, therefore, they should withdraw from the Board at once.

The Building Committee should appoint a board of scientific experts, not only for the purpose of examining into the merits and feasibility of plans, but also to ascertain the cost of their construction, by scheduling the quantities throughout.

A hint to the wise should be sufficient.

A COMPETITOR.

CHICAGO, March 18, 1873.

THE LAKE FRONT ACT.

Argument of the Hon. M. F. Tuley in Favor of Its Repeal.

AN ACT

In relation to a portion of the submerged lands and Lake Park grounds, lying on and adjacent to the shore of Lake Michigan, on the eastern frontage of the City of Chicago.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all the right, title, and interest of the State of Illinois in and to so much of fractional Section fifteen (15), Township thirty-nine (39), Range fourteen (14) east of the third (3d) principal meridian, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, as is situated east of Michigan avenue, and north of Park Row, and south of the south line of Monroe street, and west of a line running parallel with, and 400 feet east of the west line of said Michigan avenue, being a strip of land 400 feet in width, including said avenue, along the shore of Lake Michigan, partially submerged by the waters of said lake, are hereby granted, in fee, to the said City of Chicago, with full power and authority to sell and convey all of said tract east of said avenue, leaving said avenue ninety (90) feet in width, in such manner and upon such terms as the Common Council of said city may by ordinance provide: *Provided*, That no sale or conveyance of said property, or any part thereof, shall be valid unless the same be approved by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all the Aldermen elect.

SEC. 2. The proceeds of the sale of any and all of said lands shall be set aside, and shall constitute a fund, to be designated a "Park Fund," of said City of Chicago; and said fund shall be equitably distributed by the Common Council between the South Division, the West Division, and the North Division of the said city, upon the basis of the assessed value of the taxable real estate of each of said Divisions, and shall be applied to the purchase and improvement in each of said Divisions, or in the vicinity thereof, of a public park or parks, and for no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 3. The right of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, under the grant from the State, in its charter, which said grant constitutes a part of the consideration for which the said Company pays to the State at least 7 per cent of its gross earnings, and under and by virtue of its appropriation, occupancy, use and control, and the riparian ownership, incident to such grant, appropriation, occupancy, use, and control in and to the lands, submerged or otherwise, lying east of the said line running parallel with and 400 feet east of the west line of Michigan avenue, in fractional Sections ten (10) and fifteen (15), Township and Range as aforesaid, is hereby confirmed; and all the right and title of the said Illinois Central Railroad and its successors in constituting the bed of Lake Michigan, and lying east of the tracks and breakwater of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, for the distance of one mile, and between the south line of the south pier, extended eastwardly, and a line extended eastward from the south line of lot twenty-one, south of and near to the round house and machine shops of said company, in the South Division of the City of Chicago, are hereby granted, in fee, to the said Illinois Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns: *Provided, however*, That the fee to said lands shall be held by said company in trust perpetuity, and that the said Company shall not have power to grant, sell, or convey the fee to the same, and that all the gross receipts for use, profits, leases, or otherwise, of said lands, or any improvements thereon, or that may hereafter be made thereon, shall form a part of the gross proceeds, receipts, and income of said Illinois Central Railroad Company, upon which said Company shall forever pay into the State Treasury, semi-annually, the per centum provided for in its charter, in accordance with the requirements of said charter: *And provided, also*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the obstruction to the Chicago Harbor, or impair the public right of navigation, nor shall this act be construed to exempt the Illinois Central Railroad Company, its lessees or assigns, from any act of the General Assembly which may be hereafter passed, regulating the rates of wharfage and dockage to be charged in said harbor: *And provided, further*, That any of the lands granted to the said Illinois Central Railroad Company, and the improvements now or which may hereafter be on the same, which shall hereafter be leased by said Illinois Central Railroad Company, or by any person claiming under which may hereafter be occupied by any person or corporation other than said Illinois Central Railroad Company, shall not, during the continuance of such leasehold estate, or of such occupancy, be exempt from municipal or other taxation.

SEC. 4. All the right and title of the State of Illinois in and to the lands, submerged or otherwise, lying north of the south line of Monroe street, and between the east line of Michigan avenue and the track and roadway of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and constituting parts of fractional Section fifteen (15), Township thirty-nine (39), as aforesaid, are hereby granted in fee to the Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and the Michigan Central Railroad Company, their successors and assigns, for the erection of a passenger depot and for such other purposes as the business of said companies may require: *Provided*, That upon the filing with the receipts of the Illinois Central Railroad Company from leases of its interest in said grounds or improvements thereon, or other uses of the same, the per centum provided for in the charter of said Company shall forever be paid, in conformity with the requirements of said charter.

SEC. 5. In consideration of the grant to the said Illinois Central, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and Michigan Central Railroad Companies, of the land as aforesaid, said Companies are hereby required to pay to said City of Chicago the sum of $2,000,000, to be paid in the following manner, viz: $200,000 within three months from and after the passage of this act; $200,000 within six months from and after the passage of this act; $200,000 within nine months from and after the passage of this act; $200,000 within twelve months from and after the passage of this act; which said sums shall be placed in the park fund of the said City of Chicago, and shall be distributed in like manner as is hereinbefore provided for the distribution of the other funds which may be obtained by said city from the sale of the lands conveyed to it by this act.

SEC. 6. The Common Council of the said City of Chicago is hereby authorized and empowered to quitclaim and release to the said Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and the Michigan Central Railroad Company, any and all claim and interest in and upon any and all of said lands north of the south line of Monroe street, as aforesaid, which the said city may have by virtue of any expenditure and improvements thereon, or otherwise; and in case the said Common Council shall neglect or refuse thus to quit-claim and release to the said companies as aforesaid, within four months from and after the passage of this act, then the said companies shall be discharged from all obligation to pay the balance remaining unpaid to said city.

SEC. 7. The grants to the Illinois Central Railroad Company contained in this act are hereby declared to be upon the express condition that said Illinois Central Railroad Company shall perpetually pay into the Treasury of the State of Illinois the per centum on the gross or total proceeds, receipts, or income derived from said road and branches, stipulated in its charter, and also the per centum on the gross receipts of said Company, reserved in this act.

SEC. 8. This act shall be a public act, and in force from and after its passage.

F. CORWIN,
Speaker House of Representatives.
J. DOUGHERTY,
Speaker of the Senate.

Passed April 16, 1869.

MR. TULEY'S ARGUMENT.

The following is an abstract of the argument recently made before the Senate Committee on Municipalities at Springfield, by Mr. Tuley, the Corporation Counsel, in support of the bill to repeal the Lake-Front act.

He began by giving a history of the Lake Park, from its original dedication up to the present time. He stated that it appeared that that part of Lake Park north of Madison street was, together with Dearborn Park, embraced in a subdivision made under the authority of the United States, known as Fort Dearborn Addition to Chicago, it being the property of the United States at the time of the subdivision. Dearborn Park, and that portion of Lake Park north of Randolph street, was marked on the subdivision as public grounds, to be forever kept free from buildings. The question arose, in the subsequent proceedings, commenced on the part of the United States, for an injunction against the railroad companies and the City of Chicago, as to whether the plat or subdivision was entered in accordance with the requirements of the State law, passed in 1839, so as to vest the fee of the property for public uses in the City of Chicago. It was conceded, in that case, that the acknowledgment was deficiens under that statute, and, being so, the fee would remain in the United States Government. He was credibly informed, however, that the abstracts which were produced on that hearing of that injunction case did not correctly state the acknowledgment, and that, in fact, as shown by the record, which was subsequently examined, it was in due form of law, and, in his opinion, vested the fee in the city for public uses, under that act of 1839, he taking the ground that the same legal effect attached to the subdivision then made by the United States as though it had been made by an individual.

That suit was commenced in 1869, and, in 1870, he and Mr. Gondy, who had been retained, made an answer. Since then the railroad companies had never moved in the matter, in any way whatever, and the counsel on the other side were satisfied so long as the injunction stood. He had heard it reported, and had little doubt of the truth of the statement, that the railroad company had, either directly or indirectly, been making an attempt to get the Attorney-General of the United States to order the suit dismissed, but it had been discovered that the effort was making, and it had been frustrated.

That part of the Lake Park south of Madison street was embraced in what was known as Fractional Section 15 Addition to Chicago, made by the Commissioners of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, and, according to that plat, Michigan avenue was located with its west line as it is at present, and the whole territory from that line to the lake, which was meandered on the plat, was marked "Michigan avenue." Subsequently, a city ordinance fixed the width of Michigan avenue at its present width of 100 feet, and all that strip lying east of it to the waters of the lake was denominated "Lake Park."

In 1851, the Illinois Central Railroad Company was incorporated. The act of incorporation provided, in substance, that the Company should not enter on, or pass through, any city, or municipal corporation, without its consent. In 1852, on the 14th day of June, the City of Chicago passed an ordinance, to be found on page 404 of Gary's laws and ordinances, granting the Illinois Central Railway Company the right to construct and maintain, within the city limits, and along the margin of the lake, within and adjacent to the same, one or more tracks, and to operate them. By this ordinance the Company was authorized to enter the city at or near its southern boundary on Lake Michigan, and to follow the shore on and near the margin of the lake, northerly to the southern bounds of the open space known as Lake Park, and in front of Canal Section 15, and to continue northerly across the open space in front of said Section 15, to such grounds as the Company might acquire between the north line of Randolph street and the Chicago River, in Fort Dearborn Addition, and upon which grounds should be located the depot of the Company, and such other buildings, slips, or apparatus as might be necessary or convenient to the business of the Company.

It also contained a provision as to the width to be occupied by the railroad tracks. "The Company may enter upon and use in perpetuity, for its line of road, a width of 300 feet from the southern boundary of said public grounds near Twelfth street, to the northern line of Randolph street, the inner or west line of the ground to be used by the Company, to be not less than 400 feet east of the west line of Michigan avenue and parallel thereto." The ordinance also contained a provision that the Company should erect and maintain on the western or inner line of the ground in question, such walls and fences as to prevent animals from straying upon and obstructing its tracks, and to secure persons and property from danger, to be of suitable material, sightly appearance, and such height as the Council might direct; no change therein to be made, except by mutual consent, provided that the Company should construct such suitable gates at proper places at the ends of the streets as might be required by the Council to afford safe access to the lake; and provided that, in case of the construction of the outside harbor, streets might be laid out, in manner provided by law, to approach the same, in which case the Council might regulate the speed of locomotives or trains crossing them. They were also required by the ordinance to erect a protection against the lake by way of fence, wall, or structure of stone masonry, or other sufficient material of sightly appearance, and not exceeding in height the general load of Michigan avenue, and excluding from the north side of Randolph street, to the southern boundary of Lake Park, at a distance of not more than 800 feet east of and parallel with the western and inner line before mentioned, and to continue the works to the southern boundary of the city at such distance outside the track as might be expedient.

Another section provided that the Company should not use, occupy, or in any manner for any purpose whatever, occupy, use, or intrude upon the open ground known as Lake Park, belonging to the City of Chicago, lying between Michigan avenue and the inner line before mentioned, except so far as the Common Council might consent for the convenience of the Company, while constructing or repairing their tracks in front of that ground. Another section declared that the Company should erect no buildings between Randolph street and the south line of Lake Park, or occupy or use the tracks proposed to be constructed between them, except for the passage, or making up of, or distributing, trains; nor place on any part of their tracks or between their tracks and the inner line of the walls any obstruction to the view of the lake from the shore; nor suffer their locomotives or cars to remain on the track; but, only to erect such works as were proper for the construction of their necessary tracks and their operation.

The ordinance also provided that, within ninety days after its passage, an agreement in writing to the building its provisions, and stipulating that the rights and privileges should depend on the performance on the part of the road of the requirements of the ordinance, should be executed, sealed, and delivered to the city by the Illinois Central Company. Such a contract was made in pursuance of the ordinance within the time limited, and was on file in the Comptroller's office at the time of the great fire.

The act of 1869, commonly known as the Lake-Front act, and which the bill before the Committee proposed to repeal, granted to the Illinois Central, the Michigan Central, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Roads, the blocks of land bounded on the north by Randolph and on the south by Monroe street, being parts of fractional Sec. 15, and Fort Dearborn Addition, and embracing the two north blocks of the Lake Park, on condition that they should pay into the treasury of the city, for the use of the public parks, the sum of $800,000, $200,000 to be paid within three months after the passage of the bill. At the time of its passage the lowest estimate that he heard put upon the land conveyed to the three roads was $1,200,000, while the large majority of the estimates ran from two to two and a half millions as the value of those two blocks.

But, so far as the two blocks of land were concerned, they, in his opinion, were of little consequence in considering the privileges and rights granted by the Lake-Front act. If the railroads actually needed the two blocks for depot purposes, the city would not, probably, be subject to censure if it acceded to the bill and received the $800,000, although it was much less, in his opinion, than the property was worth. But to ask the people to throw upon the slender stone piers, which were ill-suited to bear it, as the sequel proved.

While on the subject of brick piers, I would draw attention to the disproportionate dimensions of the brick piers that support the new Singer Building, on the corner of State and Washington streets. Those piers may be ordinarily well built, but they are in size such as no reliable architect would pronounce adequate to sustain the mass of stone and brick that rests upon them. Those piers being covered up with cast-iron, any crushing that may take place cannot well be detected,—a fact that may lead to very serious consequences. Here we see brick piers and iron columns side by side, supporting the one lintel or beam. The multiplicity of mortar-joints in the brick-work will cause it to settle more or less, thus throwing an unequal share of the pressure upon the iron column, which will neither settle or shorten. Such a combination of supports cannot be too strongly denounced as being most injurious to the stability of a building. An evident want of soundness of construction contrasts badly with a meritricious display of ornament.

The system common in this city, of carrying up one part of the walls of a building, and leaving the rest behind, to be carried up afterwards, is also a fertile source of mischief. This is generally done by what is called "toothing,"—that is the projecting of every alternate course of brick so as to form a bond for the wall left behind. When built in this manner, the sidewalls are frequently carried up two, three, or even four stories, while the front is left behind, waiting for iron-work or cut-stone, the result being that the various parts of the building settle at different times, which causes a crack in the walls along the line of the "toothing," and which seriously affects the strength and solidity of the edifice. This can be avoided to some extent, when it is necessary to forward any one part of the building, by "raking" the brick-work,—that is, keeping back to the extent of half a brick on every course, and leaving steps for the after building to bond upon. "Raking" is objected to by builders as being a little more troublesome to do than "toothing." Any party who wishes to be satisfied as to the utter worthlessness of "toothing" can see it demonstrated in the rear wall of a building already referred to, near the corner of Madison and Clark streets. The "toothing" in the old wall was depended upon for bonding the new wall to it. The consequence is, that, to prevent the entire wall falling into the alley, they were under the necessity of supporting it across the alley, from the wall of Burke's Hotel, by wooden scantlings. Those props will be left in their place until the wall is secured by being strapped to the timbers inside; then the outside supports will be removed, and the wall left to depend entirely upon those inside timbers, whereas the timbers ought to depend upon the walls; and, in the event of a fire taking place which would burn those timbers, the wall is certain to come to the ground; and, to prevent a catastrophe similar to that which took place recently at a fire in New York City, the authorities would do well to condemn such walls, and cause them to be pulled down.

An attempt had been made by the Illinois Central, at the expiration of the three months after the passage of the Lake-Front act, to tender that $200,000, the first payment to the city. The evidence on the point whether there was a sufficient tender or not, was conflicting. He investigated the matter immediately after coming into office, in December, 1869, and came to the conclusion, of course relying upon the statements made by city officers, that there had not been any sufficient tender under the law, and that there had been nothing done by any of the city officers, or by the Council, which in any way compromised, estopped, or gave the assent of the city, to the passage of that act.

There was no doubt but what the city, by its Common Council, would authorize the receipt of that $200,000, which sum was still in the hands of Walter Kimball, he having carried it off with him, when He went out of office in December, 1869. He thought simple justice to the city required that there should be taken away from the Common Council the power to give the consent of the city to that Lake Front act, and for that reason he thought the law should be repealed and the pending bill should pass. If the Railroad Company had any vested rights by way of contract obtained under that Lake-Front act, they would be protected by the Constitution of the United States, and any repeal of the act could not injure or interfere with them. If they had obtained none, then it would be out of the power of the Council to give them any, by assenting to the Lake-Front act and the contract which the Legislature attempted to make on the part of, and for the, city.

The Lake-Front act also gave the city the power to sell all of the lake front lying between Monroe street and its southern boundary at Park Row, but the proceeds were to go for the benefit of public parks. That alone showed that there had been a combination and collusion between those seeking to establish the public parks and the railroad men to obtain the passage of that act. These parks were independent corporations, not under the control of the City Government, and there could be no direct benefit resulting to the city, either from the $800,000 to be paid by the railroad companies, or by the proceeds resulting from the sale of the Lake Park south of Monroe street, as the money would go into the hands of those independent parks, as corporations.

OUR ARCHITECTURAL WRECKS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Having observed in your issue of yesterday an account of the failure of part of the masonry of the new Tremont House, I am led to offer a few remarks with regard to the manner in which the mason-work of our buildings in this city is being executed. The numerous instances of crushing piers and cracking walls that have occurred within the last year would lead us to suppose that our architects would benefit by the experience, and that they would adopt ordinary and reasonable means to prevent a recurrence of those blunders, which are at once disgraceful to the architects and most damaging to the buildings. In the matter of brick piers, it is not only essential that they should be built of *selected hard-burnt* brick, closely jointed and grouted in *cement mortar*, but that they should be of a size proportionate with the weight they have to bear, having iron or stone bond-plates at intervals not exceeding 3 feet.

That points of such vital importance are commonly overlooked in the construction of brick piers, is painfully evident in some of our best buildings. The brick used in the piers that support the Tremont House are of too poor a quality to be used in the commonest walls of a first-class building; the mortar used is not by any means what it ought to be; and, as for bond-plates, there are none,—so that it is a mystery how those piers have stood the pressure so long. In the same building is an inside wall built, one foot thick, of soft brick and common mortar, which is made to bear iron columns which support the various floors to the top. The common precaution of putting an iron plate under those columns where they sit on this fragile piece of brick-work has not been taken, the result being that the wall is completely shattered by the excessive weight it bears. Having closely examined the piers of the Tremont House, I find that there is scarcely one in the building but indicates signs of being more or less injured by the weight of the superstructure,—almost all showing symptoms of settling, and many cracked. That such is what Mr. Rankin pronounced it to be, "in bad shape indeed," no expert will deny; and the man who would pronounce it not dangerous as it now stands, is prepared to assume more responsibility than any prudent expert would be willing to shoulder.

Our worthy Mayor having chosen Messrs. Burling, Wheelock, and Boyington to examine and report the state of the building, the public could not expect any other verdict than that which they have given. Taking into consideration that Mr. Burling is architect for the building now in course of erection near the corner of Madison and Clark streets; that Mr. Wheelock is architect for the Union Building; and that Mr. Boyington was architect for half-a-dozen buildings of last year, the piers of which crushed to atoms under the weight that was expected them to bear, the surprise is, that the three unfortunate experts did not report to his Honor that no building was secure unless within three months after the passage of the bill. At the time of its passage the lowest estimate that he heard put upon the land conveyed to the three roads was $1,200,000, while the large majority of the estimates ran from two to two and a half millions as the value of those two blocks.

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I think it a pity that builders should be allowed to execute work in a manner at variance with any received principles of sound construction, by carrying on a wholesale system of "toothing" in the walls of first-class buildings, such as is now being done in the building of the American Merchants' Union Express Company, on Monroe street. While such is allowed, we cannot expect that aggregation in the construction of our buildings which will prevent cracked walls, cracked plaster, and, to a great extent, crushed piers. Yours truly,

ARCHITECT.

CHICAGO, March 18, 1873.

COLFAX.

What the Ex-Vice-President Says.

South Bend (Ind.) Correspondence of the Indianapolis Sentinel.

"The highest offices and all their honors are baubles compared with the faith of the people," said Mr. Colfax. "To have them know and believe that I would not receive a bribe; that I never, at any time, tried to mislead or cover up anything,—is the highest honor I aspire to in this world. Doesn't it seem pitiful," he said, "that I should barter away not only my character in this world, the fruits of a life-work, but my chances in the world to come, for a paltry $1,200? Innocent, as the charges came up at different times, I answered them, as I thought, sufficient to satisfy everyone as it did myself. If I had deliberately laid out a plan for deception, and had premeditated wrong doing, do you suppose I would have been so shortsighted as not to have anticipated every accusation, guarded every avenue of detection, and carefully covered up my tracks? But, conscious of no wrong-doing, I lived and acted the right as I knew it to be. Little actions, to which I gave only the thought of the moment, and did them openly and innocently, were tortured, and twisted, and construed into circumstantial evidence of guilt by my enemies, with a persistency and audacity that horrified and stunned me, and were allowed to weigh against a character that has been the work of a lifetime. But my conscience then, as now, was clear. God knows I am innocent, and in His own good time I firmly believe the people will know it."

Mr. Colfax carries with him the canceled drafts sent to A. H. Conner, then Chairman of the Republican State Committee. To these he has the checks with which he drew them, and as he showed them to me he said: "This is an evidence that the money Nesbitt sent was intended for political purposes, and was immediately applied by me in accordance with that intention, and should be proof positive to the most captious that they were not intended or used for corruption. Nesbitt took a most unaccountable liking for me, amounting almost to fondness. He was worth over half a million, and had he lived longer would probably have given me much larger sums, and yet these small amounts were cried against us as something awful, and acts of personal friendship cru

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...the Murder of Jacob ...rper, of Kentucky.

...ch to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

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...s *DesMoines Leader.*

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...ago a young man entered the ...in an almost penniless condi... a single acquaintance in the ...r houses. To-day his name ...r humanity breathes. It is ..., and is as familiar to the ...es as to his brother in the ...r language is known and ideas ...e of this penniless, unknown, ...r thirty years ago is uttered. —*Danbury News.*

THE LAW COURTS.

The Winnesheik Insurance Company ---Decision of the Minnesota Cases.

The Winslow Bankruptcy---Failure to Appoint an Assignee.

Extraordinary Attempt to Secure the Office for a Nominee of the Scammon Ring.

Absconding Sheep Dealers at the Stock Yards --- Extraordinary Discovery in the Brandt Case.

It will be remembered that Judge Blodgett, some time ago, referred to the necessity of awaiting decisions in the cases before the courts of Minnesota before proceeding with certain litigation then contemplated by the Assignee. The following is the decision of Judge Nelson, of the United States Circuit Court of Minnesota, in Lambe, Assignee, v. N. F. Damron:

Express authority is given, by the fourteenth section of the Bankrupt act, to the Assignee in bankruptcy, to sue for debts, transferred to him by operation of law, as soon as the proper assignment is executed; and by Sec. 16 he is authorized to employ the remedies for that purpose which the debtor might have had, if the adjudication of bankruptcy had not been made. The first section constitutes the several District Courts of the United States courts of bankruptcy, and enacts: "That they shall have original jurisdiction in their respective districts, in all matters and proceedings in bankruptcy; and they are hereby authorized to hear and adjudicate upon the same, according to the provisions of this act. * * * And the jurisdiction hereby conferred shall extend to all cases and controversies arising between the bankrupt and any creditor or creditors who shall claim any debt or demand under the bankruptcy; in the collection of the assets of the bankrupt; to the ascertainment and liquidation of the liens and other specific claims thereon; to the adjustment of the various priorities and conflicting interests of all parties; and to the marshalling and disposition of the different funds and assets so as to secure the rights of all parties and due distribution of the assets among all the creditors; and to all matters and things to be done under and in virtue of the bankruptcy, until the final distribution and settlement of the estate of the bankrupt, and the close of the proceedings in bankruptcy," etc. This section, when considered in connection with Sections 14 and 16, would seem to authorize fully this action in a District Court of the United States. The only question presented by the motion to dismiss is: Can this jurisdiction be exercised by any District Court except that wherein the bankruptcy proceedings are pending? It is admitted that the Bankrupt act must confer this jurisdiction, if it exists at all; for there is no other act of Congress that would sustain it. The third clause of the second section gives the Circuit and District Courts of the districts wherein the bankruptcy proceedings are pending, concurrent jurisdiction to entertain "suits at law or in equity which may or shall be brought by the Assignee in Bankruptcy against any person claiming an adverse interest or by such person against such Assignee, touching any property or rights of property of said bankrupt transferable to or vested in such Assignee." To entertain an action for the recovery of a debt of the character sued for here, is certainly not conferred upon this District Court by this section, and if this suit can be maintained it must be under the general jurisdiction granted by the first section. The question raised is not a new one, but there is not entire uniformity in the decisions upon it. So far as this district is concerned, the case of Markson v. Hussey (3 Dillon, 478), if I understand correctly the opinion expressed by the Circuit Judge, settles the jurisdictional question in favor of the defendant. It would be manifestly wrong for me, therefore, to compel him to take a writ of error in order to obtain the benefit of that decision, in case that I did not agree to it; but the views expressed therein meet with my approval. In order to give a uniform and harmonious interpretation to the Bankrupt act, all the provisions contained therein must be considered in connection with each other, and the construction of any particular section determined with reference to all of the other sections. A fair and just exposition of the same can be made in no other way. Although Sec. 1 would appear broad enough in its declaration of jurisdiction to confer the supreme power claimed, and support the views of the plaintiff's counsel in this case; yet when the third clause of Sec. 2 is examined, it would appear that the concurrent jurisdiction in regard to suits touching adverse rights, mentioned therein, can be more consistently explained, if it is assumed that Sec. 1 intended to constitute the District Courts of the United States as Courts of Bankruptcy, with jurisdiction restricted, in any proceeding, to the district where the adjudication of bankruptcy was ordered and the proceedings in bankruptcy are pending. It is not reasonable, in my opinion, to suppose that the settlement of the adverse interests named in Sec. 2 were to be limited to the district where the bankruptcy proceedings are pending, and the Assignee be permitted to enforce all the other rights and interests vested in him by Sec. 14, in any District Court of the United States. I am aware that the Judge of the Western District of Wisconsin, in a very elaborate opinion (see Goodall, assignee, v. Tuttle, 2 Vol. *Chicago Legal News*, 476), has arrived at a different conclusion, and sustained the jurisdiction in a case like this; but the weight of authority is the other way (see in re Richardson, 2 B. R., 74; Sharman v. Bingham, 5 B. R., 34; Robbins v. Montague, 6 B. R., 509; Markson v. Hussey, above cited). I would add that General Order No. 16 indicates that the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States so interpreted the bankrupt act, viz:

General Order 16—In case two or more petitions shall be filed against the same individual in different districts, the first hearing shall be had in the district in which the debtor has his domicil; * * * * and the court which makes the first adjudication of bankruptcy shall retain jurisdiction over all proceedings therein until the same shall be closed. * * * The answer to this suggestion would be that the collection of assets by a suit is not a proceeding in bankruptcy. I cannot agree to that; for it appears to me to be strictly such a proceeding, and is enumerated in Section 1. The suit will be dismissed for want of jurisdiction, without costs.

TAX WINSLOW BANKRUPTCY.

The meeting of the creditors of F. S. Winslow, bankrupt, to elect an Assignee, yesterday morning, before Register Hibbard, was principally remarkable for an extraordinary attempt that was made to get the position of Assignee for one of Mr. Jonathan Y. Scammon's banking associates, namely, Benjamin V. Page, Vice-President of the Mechanics' National Bank, of which Mr. Scammon is President. Mr. Scammon's banks having already so much money belonging to bankrupt companies on deposit with him, this new attempt to get hold of an estate of $400,000 is characterized as one of the most brazen things of the kind yet witnessed in bankruptcy, is being considered that Page is an outsider, that he is not even a creditor, that he has no sort of interest in the estate, in any shape or form whatever, and that he is not a professional Assignee. In either capacity he might have properly applied for the lucrative post he has worked for, but coming there in no other capacity than an outsider, having nothing to do with the proceedings, and as the officer of a bank, the affair is looked upon with considerable disgust.

For Page, creditors representing $57,480.21 voted, and for R. E. Jenkins $407,228.66. The Register in such cases, where such an enormous disparity appears, usually appoints the person having the majority of votes, but in this instance he said he should report to the Court, alleging as a reason that the interests involved were so large he did not like to take the responsibility of declaring Jenkins appointed. The result of the vote will be reported to Judge Blodgett on his returning to Court.

The claims filed with the Register, so far, amount to $271,802.46 by the Scandinavian National Bank; $71,377.88 by the various small depositors who trusted their savings to Winslow's North Side Bank, and $114,209.24 of Gustav Pfeil, of Carlsruhe, Baden, being deposits at 2½ per cent and interest.

HOW PROPERTY ENHANCES.

John Fish v. John and Johanna Lesser, a suit on hearing for several days before Judge Gary, shows how rapidly real estate rises in value in Chicago. About a year ago the complainant bought, or thought he bought, for $21,000, assuming incumbrances, a lot, fronting forty-three feet on Monroe street, about sixty feet from Franklin street, between Franklin and Wells streets, which belonged to these defendants, who have always lived on it, and still live on it, to preserve their homestead rights. It is alleged on the part of the complainant that Mr. Lesing gave one White, a land agent, authority in writing to sell said land for said price, said authority to last for ten days, in pursuance of which White made the sale to Fish, who paid $500 on account, to secure the transaction, White delivering to him the usual contract. Within thirty days, the period stipulated, Fish presented himself at White's office, prepared to pay over the balance of money, when the old people appeared and refused to consummate. The property had then increased to $35,000 or $40,000 in value. Hence the action. The defense is that the old man signed the authority, believing it to be a letter to a person in New York instead of an authority to sell, that the property is a homestead, and that the title was at the time in the wife, the husband having made it over to her on his going temporarily to Idaho. The argument has lasted several days. The testimony taken in this case has been exceedingly heavy, and the labor of the counsel severe. Nissen and Barnum for the complainant, and Wilkinson, Hackett and Bean for defendants. The counsel for the complainants is said to be personally interested in the property in some way or other. The land has increased in value, principally because of the location of the Farwell and other business blocks near.

THE BRANDT CASE—EXTRAORDINARY TURN OF AFFAIRS.

Mr. Homer Smith filed a bill in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, as directed by the Court (as reported in THE TRIBUNE at the time), in the matter of Ernst Brandt, in bankruptcy, which, at the first blush, looks like a most unmistakable smasher. The great fact in the bill, beside which all allegations appear shadowy and vague, is, that the land transferred to Widmer by Ernst Brandt, and by Widmer to Fredericka Brandt, cannot be found on any known plat of Chicago, its description, "Lot 133," etc., being inapplicable both to the real estate in question—there being, and never having been, any such lot in existence—and to any real estate, whether his property, or anybody else's, in the City of Chicago. If Ernst transferred to Widmer and Widmer to Fredericka property that never existed, then, the Assignee not unnaturally represents, the Court will do a simple act of justice to the creditors of Brandt to direct a deed to be made vesting the property—the right property this time—in the Assignee. The complainant further shows that Brandt repeatedly represented to his creditors, when they were dunning him, that the property which Fredericka now contests was his own, absolutely and without incumbrance, and that any conveyance under such circumstance was necessarily a fraud on the creditors. Other allegations are made with which the reader is familiar.

ABSCONDING SHEEP DEALERS.

Philip Lerch, a New York dealer in sheep, has obtained a capias against Michael O'Connor and John Sullivan, late of New York City, and now believed to be resident in Chicago. In his affidavit, Lerch affirms that he sold to the defendants, who were then doing business as purchasers of stock for the New York market, 191 sheep at 5½ cents per pound, cash, but for which he gave them credit until the following Saturday, they professing to have plenty of money—in the bank. The Saturday came, and the defendants were found to have deserted their usual place of business, which led to inquiry, when it was found that they had been obtaining stock to the extent of thousands of dollars during the week preceding their disappearance, which they had converted into cash. Inquiry of stock dealers in Chicago elicited the fact that O'Connor had been seen at the Stock Yards here; and the capias was applied for and obtained at once, as stated.

WHERE THE PRESSED BRICK COMPANY GOT ITS FUNDS.

In 1868 and 1869, a party, consisting of John D. Weber, Joseph A. Griswold, John H. Carpenter, Martin A. Lawrence, Joseph Knox, Frank M. Tucker, and Frank Richie, entered into an arrangement to turn a number of joint notes into cash for the uses of the Chicago Pressed Brick Company, namely, for $2,000, $2,000, and $8,946, a total of $12,946. Everybody knows that the Company is and has for a long time been in a state of hopeless insolvency, notwithstanding which, said notes had to be paid. All the parties, except the first two, repudiated their responsibility, and the first two paid the money; and they yesterday filed a bill in chancery, in the Circuit Court, for an order of Court requiring the others to pay their proportion, or $4,782 each and every one.

DIVORCE—ALIMONY—INJUNCTION.

Mary E. Jones, wife of the late Superintendent of the Swansea Silver Refining and Smelting works, has embraced the opportunity to leave her husband having taken a trip to Colorado to file a bill for divorce in the Superior Court. She affirms that Joshua, her said husband, has been in the receipt of a salary of $4,000 per annum, and she prays alimony, giving a list of the various properties owned by the defendant, and of the securities he possesses, which she has reason to fear he will dispose of as soon as possible; wherefore she also prays the injunction of the court restraining his interfering with such property until the cause has been heard by the Court. She alleges for cause repeated adultery with one Sarah Tonies.

SUIT UNDER THE LIQUOR LAW.

Ellen Dover yesterday commenced suit against August Blocki, saloon-keeper, $10,000 damages, for injuries sustained by her husband by being frozen on the night and morning of the 23d February last, owing to his being rendered insensible and helpless by drink given him by the defendant.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

M. C. Cloudman, of Hingham Centre, Mass., yesterday filed a petition for the adjudication of Max Hahn & Co., of Evanston, claiming as creditors for $455.61. The affidavit affirms that his agent called at the debtors' place of business and found the store and stock in possession of one Scott, as agent of John C. Passey, said Passey having acquired one-half interest while the commercial paper of the firm was suspended, as stated. The usual rule to show cause was ordered.

Judge Blodgett is still detained at home by indisposition, and bankruptcy matters are refreshingly light. His Honor is suffering from inflammation of the eyes, resulting from a distressing cold.

GENERAL NOTES.

Thomas McGary yesterday commenced suit in the Superior Court, in covenant, $2,000 damages, against Peter Keller.

Ann M. Cole yesterday commenced suit against the city, in case, $5,000.

In Harding v. the Globe Insurance Company, in trespass on the case, to compel the Company to transfer to complainant 100 shares, on the books of the Company, that he had acquired, before Judge Porter, His Honor yesterday overruled the demurrer to the first count of the narr, and sustained those to the other counts.

Robert L. McLoon yesterday distrained for rent on the northeast corner of Third avenue and Taylor street, for $240, said property being occupied by Michael Hanlon.

Judge Williams was busily engaged trying cases of minor interest throughout yesterday.

The everlasting Hyde Park perfumery war will be renewed before Judge Farwell to-day.

Young Dwyer will be tried to-day, for murder, at the Criminal Court.

C. M. Wells yesterday commenced a $10,000 damages suit, in case, against the Michigan Central and Illinois Central Railroad Companies, in the Circuit Court.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—William P. Inskip v. Rodney Ashley and Lydia Ashley; ejectment, $600. Edward L. Upton, Assignee of the estate of Ernst Brandt, v. Fredericka Brandt and Philip Widmer; bill to declare certain conveyances void.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—6,202—Philo Carpenter and Albert W. Gilman v. Sarah A. Lawrence, Bradford A. Lawrence, Sarah C. Leadbeater, Fairborn Leadbeater, Catherine A. Sparks (?), Charles Sparks (?), and Eben F. Runyan; bill to foreclose mortgage. 6,203—Torry O. Edwards v. Ass Farnam; case, $2,000. 6,204—Ellen Dover v. August Blocki; case, $10,000. 6,205—Same to prosecute as a poor person). 6,205—Appeal. 6,206—Same. 6,207—John D. Weber and Joseph A. Griswold v. John H. Carpenter, Marion A. Lawrence, Joseph Knox, Frank M. Tucker, and Frank Richie. 6,208—Appeal. 6,209—Same. 6,210—James W. Larimore v. George Manahan; trespass, $1,500. 6,211—Comfort M. Wells v. Michigan Central Railroad Company and Illinois Central Railroad Company; case $10,000. 6,212—Appeal. 6,213—Same. 6,214—David Greenebaum et al. v. Jacob Hogenbach et al.; petition to supply record.

A CORRECTION.

DEER LODGE, Montana Ter., Feb 20, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your correspondent, "A. J. G.," in his communication dated "Deer Lodge, Montana, Jan. 17, 1873," and published in your weekly issue of the 5th of February, says: "A Presbyterian minister of Deer Lodge was lately (as I am told) convicted of a nameless crime, before a lodge of Odd Fellows, and expelled." A. J. G. also says that the minister has left for parts unknown.

We have had but one Presbyterian minister in Deer Lodge, the Rev. J. B. Russell, a young man highly esteemed for his religious and moral worth. He remains here, and preaches regularly to his congregation, and no charge or suspicion of immoral or improper conduct has ever attached to him.

An Episcopal minister of this place was charged with immoral conduct, and left the country; which gave rise to the story of your correspondent. J.

Golden Opportunity.

Carson, Pirie & Co., No. 329 West Madison street, offer rich new gray stripe silks, regular $1.75 quality for $1.20. The $1.25 quality for 80 cents. Black ground white stripe silks for 90 cents. Black all silk gros grains at $1, $1.20, $1.35, $1.50, $1.75, and $2, being 50 cents a yard less than usual prices. Richer qualities Lyons black gros grains at very large reductions. Japanese silks at 40 and 60 cents, worth 75 and 90 cents. Japanese poplins, 18 and 25 cents. Black alpacas, 10 to 20 cents per yard lower than prices elsewhere. Large assortment of dress goods on the cheap tables at 12½, 18, 20, and 25 cents a yard. A great bargain in remnants of Irish linen at 50 cents, half price. One thousand pieces Hamburg edgings and insertions, choice new designs, at half, and in some instances less than half the usual prices. Bargains in every department. Trade early in the day.

Jayne's Expectorant.

I have long known the virtues of Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, and frequently tested them on myself and family, when afflicted with coughs or colds. I believe it to be one of the best remedies ever discovered for these maladies. I am about to sail in a week or two on a voyage to Europe, and should as soon think of exposing myself to the changing skies of England, without an over-coat, as without a supply of Jayne's Expectorant.—Rev. Dr. Bowing, formerly Pastor of Mercer-st. Baptist Church, New York.

FORTUNE-HUNTERS.

Meeting of Heirs to a $70,000,000 Estate in Holland.

About Thirty Lady and Gentlemen Fortune-Hunters Present.

Sarah and Wolfort Webber and Wintjie Sybrant Brower died in Holland in the early part of the seventeenth century, leaving behind them a considerable number of heirs, and a considerable amount of property. They also left wills bequeathing their possessions to their children and their children's heirs, but, in the course of a generation or two, those important documents became lost in some of the musty, cobweb-covered courts of dyke-land. Recently, while explorations were being made in the interest of the Anneke Jans heirs,—who, it appears, are identical with the Webber and Brower heirs,—the long-lost wills were found, and it was discovered that about $70,000,000 were awaiting lawful claimants in Holland. This was a joyful piece of intelligence to a large number of people in this country who can trace their genealogical record back to the immediate descendents of the Webbers and Browers, some of whom settled in New York in the seventeenth century. Since the announcement was made, meetings have been held in different parts of the country to make arrangements for proving heirship and securing the rich prize. It is now believed that the matter will be brought before the United States courts and definitely settled in a short time.

The Webber and Brower heirs residing in Chicago held their meeting yesterday afternoon at Burke's European Hotel, in obedience to the call of a committee, published in the Sunday papers. About thirty lady and gentleman fortune-hunters were present, the majority of them being well advanced in years. Mr. Leonard W. Volk was called to the chair, and Mr. Green elected Secretary.

The Chair said he was in doubt as to the object of the meeting. He supposed, however, that the election of a delegate to the Convention of Webber and Brower heirs, to be held at Trenton, N. J., on the 24th of April, was about the only business to be transacted.

A gentleman asked for the Committee which called the meeting, but received no response.

The Chair suggested that interesting remarks would be in order, whereupon a gentleman arose and said he held in his hand a number of letters from the Prosecuting Committee in New York, which it would be well perhaps for the Secretary to read.

The Secretary took the hint. The letters were to Mr. G. A. Brady, of this city, who appears to know a great deal about those old claims, and set forth that there are good prospects of success in the Webber-Brower matter, provided the heirs can prove their claims.

A lady who has devoted a great many years of her life to the examination of old records and papers in the Anneke Jans case, presented a genealogical record of the Webber family, the reading of which was listened to with great attention.

The Chairman read a paper written twenty-seven years ago by his great uncle, Nicholas Gessner, who was then 80 years old. He spent a great deal of money in contending for his rights in the Trinity Church property, New York. The paper traced the genealogy of the descendants of Adolphe Isaac and Dominie Everardus Bogardus, the first Dutch clergyman in New York, in 1625, down to the family of the writer.

A gentleman, who was opposed to having his name mentioned in the newspapers, presented a pedigree of his family, and wanted to know if he was in any way connected with the Webbers and Browers.

He was informed that he was, whereupon he smiled and took his seat.

The Chairman said that the meeting was losing sight of the delegate question.

Detective McCausland, who represents a female claimant, said it would be better to postpone the election of a delegate to a subsequent meeting, and volunteered some legal advice concerning the manner of collecting legacies in foreign countries. He moved that, when the meeting adjourned, it would be to the call of the President and Secretary.

A gentleman from the country objected to the postponement of the election of delegate. Mr. Brady was his man for the position.

Several ladies and gentlemen remarked that they did not know Mr. Brady.

The gentleman from the country said he knew Mr. Brady, and that was sufficient for him.

Another gentleman remarked that it made no difference who went to Trenton. When the legacies were to be collected the claimants would have to go before a court, no matter what the delegate might do in convention.

Detective McCausland's motion was then carried; also, a motion that the election for delegate be held at the next meeting; also, a motion that Mr. Brady be invited to attend that meeting.

The President and Secretary fixed the day and date of the next meeting at Thursday, April 10, and the Central Hotel as the place.

A vote of thanks was passed Mr. Burke for the use of his parlor, and the representatives of the ancient solid people of Holland went home.

CHICAGO BIBLE SOCIETY.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Chicago Bible Society was held last evening in the chapel of the Second Presbyterian Church, Mr. G C. Cook in the chair, and Mr. T. B. Carter acting as Secretary. The number of persons in attendance was small.

The following officers for the coming year were elected without a dissenting vote:

President—Judge Samuel M. Moore, of the Third Presbyterian Church.

Vice-Presidents—Maj. D. W. Whittle, Tabernacle Congregational Church; T. W. Harvey, Wabash Avenue Methodist Church; Peter Van Schaack, Christ Episcopal Church.

Treasurer—C. B. Nelson.

Secretary—T. B. Carter.

Executive Committee—Revs. R. W. Patterson, C. E. Cheney, C. D. Helmer, J. L. D. McKown, U. D. Jalick.

The gentlemen who acted as Treasurers in the different churches co-operating with the Society last year were re-elected.

Article 7 of the Constitution was altered so as to admit of three members making a quorum of the Executive Committee. Article 9 was also changed. It now provides that the annual meeting and election of officers shall be held in March instead of December.

The Secretary was instructed to have the annual report printed.

A vote of thanks was passed the city for the many acts of kindness shown the Society.

The Executive Committee was authorized to secure articles of incorporation for the Society under the general laws of the State.

The meeting then adjourned.

A DANGEROUS HORSE.

Yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock, a horse, attached to a buggy containing a Mrs. Cook and her daughter, Mrs. Teed, of No. 81 Miller street, took fright at a locomotive at the Sixteenth street railroad crossing on Wabash avenue, and dashed north on the avenue at a fearful speed. It was stopped at Thirteenth street, by Mr. J. Walsh, Superintendent of the Z. I. P. Omnibus Line. The ladies, being uninjured, declared they could manage the horse without difficulty, and started him off. They had proceeded but a short distance when he ran away again. At Harmon court the horse ran into a buggy, throwing both ladies out. Mrs. Cook, who was driving, struck the curbing, and was taken up insensible. She was cut severely on the forehead and behind the left ear. Mrs. Teed, although much bruised, was not seriously hurt. Officers Mehan and Casy took the ladies to No. 549 Wabash avenue, where they were attended by Dr. J. W. Weeb. Mrs. Cook being restored to consciousness, Officer Casy hired a carriage and had both ladies taken to their home. Mrs. Cook was found not so badly hurt as she at first appeared to be. The horse and buggy were taken care of by Officer Mehan.

THE DEATH-DEALING DERRICK.

Yesterday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, "General Grant on His Own Hook," an omnibus belonging to the Pease Line of North Side Omnibuses, was suddenly stopped, as it was proceeding east on Lake street, by a derrick at the new Tremont House falling upon it. The name and huge dimensions of the 'bus were of little effect in staying the descent of the derrick, and, when it reached the earth, the 'bus was broken into splinters. Three passengers, with the driver, escaped with a few scratches, and emerged from the pile of lumber as from a stack of corn-stalks. The driver of an express wagon, which was passing at the time, was struck by one of the ropes, and, for a time, was almost insensible. He recovered, however, and was able to drive home. The destruction of the "General Grant on His Own Hook" will be regretted by many North Side residents, irrespective of party. Before the North Side Railway had recovered from the effects of the fire, this generous vehicle gave passage to many weary citizens, who had roamed through the ruins of their stores, and who would have been compelled to walk many miles but for the "General Grant on His Own Hook." But we are happy to say that the owners of the vehicle have sent it to the shop, and before many weeks it will resume its route from the foot of Lake street to the North Side.

ROWDYISM RAMPANT.

The Bully Element of Chicago Not Yet Suppressed.

Two Officers Assaulted by Bridgeport Roughs, and a Prisoner Rescued.

The hope has been entertained that the recent shooting by policemen of three ruffians would cause the bully element of the city to feel that there is danger in resisting an officer of the law. But, from a fight which occurred yesterday afternoon between Officers Bowden and O'Connor and a crowd of Canalport avenue garroters, this hope would appear to be without foundation in fact, and it is evident that more shooting must be done before the rowdies shall respect and fear the power of our police officers.

Paddy Connors is one of the most notorious roughs on Canalport avenue. Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, he met a respectable citizen on the corner of Blue Island avenue and Morgan street, and for some trivial offense called him a —— of a ——, and dared him to take it up. Officer Bowden hearing the remark, and knowing the character of the fellow, arrested him. Paddy made a desperate resistance, and the officer, being off duty, and therefore without his club, was not very well able to cope with his prisoner. About this time Officer O'Connor, who was also off duty, and without his "billy," came to Bowden's assistance. They overpowered the prisoner, and proceeded up Blue Island avenue, followed by seven or eight of Paddy's "pals," who threatened the officers with immediate death if they did not release their prisoner, and exhibited revolvers to show that they had the weapons to carry out their threat. Officer O'Connor then pulled his revolver, and told them to go back or he would shoot them down. They answered this remark with a volley of curses. At the junction of Blue Island avenue and Taylor and Morgan streets, Paddy shouted to his fellows to "Shoot the dirty devils," referring to the policemen. The crowd then made a rush on the officers, and a hand-to-hand fight ensued, the fight the prisoner got away, and, with five of the gang, ran towards the corner of Miller and Polk streets. The officers, plucky to the last, chased them and recaptured their prisoner in an alley between Polk and Taylor streets. This time the rest of the crowd deserted him, and he was safely locked up in the Twelfth Street Station.

This young man, Paddy Connors, is out on $500 bail for larceny, and is a character most dangerous to the community. McNurney, the man who attempted to shoot O'Connor, is one of three brothers, two of whom are serving out long terms in the Penitentiary at Joliet. It is a pity to separate members of a family, and it is to be fondly hoped that the McNurney boys will be speedily reunited in the Penitentiary. A squad of police were sent out to capture the rest of the gang, and they were doubtless locked up during last night.

THE TAX-SALE.

The sale of lands of delinquents in the matter of tax-paying is proceeding from day to day at the office of the County Treasurer and Collector. The sale begins each day at about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and usually lasts one hour. It has been the policy of Collector Rumsey to so regulate proceedings as to obtain the most money without resort to extremities. For a portion of last week the delinquent taxes were paid quite rapidly, and so very few pieces of land were sold; but this week the receipts have fallen off materially, and, in consequence, the number of sales has increased. Taxtitle dealers are on hand in abundance, and the sales do not progress half rapidly enough to suit their notions. Their notions, however, are not consulted by the Collector, whose only desire is to secure the payment of the taxes with as few sales as possible. Delinquents need not delay on this account. He is thoroughly in earnest in the matter of collecting the taxes, and their lands will surely be sold unless they come forward with their money. Just now the sales are confined to the Town of Lake, but it is expected to reach Chicago early next week. All of which points this moral: Pay your taxes at once, and thereby save much money and vexation to yourselves.

BROKEN RAILS ON RAILWAYS.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, March 11, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your article on steel rails was correct in the main, though requiring slight modifications. The demand for rails of this sort is so great as to make the supply of iron ore of the quality which will make them less than the demand, all over the world at present. Believing, as I do, that steel is not at all necessary for this purpose, and only a useless expense, I will give my reasons as briefly as possible:

Mr. Sandberg, a Swedish engineer, resident in London, who has given this subject much close attention, declares that, "Although a good steel rail is generally thrice as strong as iron, when punched, or the flange is cracked, the iron may be the stronger. The steel is made as soft as possible, ... for not by hardness, but by homogeneity, is it superior to iron." This last assertion is well known to be true. Rails, as at present made, are at first rolled into slabs as wide and thick as the hand, and long enough, when six of these are piled together, to make the rail of any desired length. These are then wired together into a "faggot," heated over, and rolled into a rail. This last heating generally injures the iron very much. It seldom or never becomes properly welded together, and each slab soon scales and laminates by itself into those long splinters which may be seen on any well-worn track. This was not the case with rails first used, which were rolled, solid and "homogeneous," alike all through, out of a "bloom" of iron. Old-fashioned rails, that had been used 12 to 15 years on a Western road, on being sent to a modern rail-mill to be re-rolled, came back in such a condition that they were used up, on the same road, in less than a year. A few years, Mr. Blackstone, Chief Engineer of the Allegheney Valley Road, at Pittsburgh, had a dozen rails rolled in the old-fashioned way, and placed in the most used part of his track. At the last accounts they had outworn several sets of common rails on the other side, and were as good as ever. This would seem to indicate that it is not steel rails that are needed, so much as a good quality of iron, and a cessation of the present objectionable mode of rolling iron rails. It ought to be forbidden by statute, if it can be stopped in no other way.

The rail, which ought to be the most honest part of a railroad, since so many lives depend upon it, is generally the object of as much jobbery as any part of it. When roads are being built, and are poor, any rails are taken that can be bought with bonds. Afterwards, when they get rich, influential jobbers demand this as their perquisite, and give as little for the money they get as possible.

The statistics of good iron rails show that, for ordinary traffic, in this country or England, they ought to last ten years; near large cities, one-third of that time. The life of a steel rail is about six times that of piled iron. It is very doubtful if the present quality of steel furnished for rails is as good as a fair sample of iron, such as was generally used twenty years ago. On the Metropolitan London Railroad, with the greatest traffic in the world, Sandberg says that steel endures three to four years, where the common laminated iron rail will give out in six months. Steel rails just now rage like a new-fashioned bonnet, and are put forth as a panacea for all the ills railways are heirs to. When they were first offered, nobody would look at them, and only years of persistent effort succeeded in bringing them to notice.

Duplex rails and axles have been highly extolled by many engineers. The success of the Multimore compound axle has largely tended to bring these again into general attention. In case where so much depends on the integrity of the metal, it is asking too much to depend upon a single piece, in which there may be a fatal yet imperceptible fracture, till it absolutely breaks down. Several patterns or sections of rails have been invented, in which one piece of iron is placed above another, in such a way that the lower one is completely protected from the blows of train-wheels. When the upper layer is worn out, it may be taken off and replaced, without disturbing the lower part. In case of one piece being broken, the other remains good. It is also estimated that, while the head portion may give out in a few years, the base part may remain good for 20 or more years. It would certainly seem unnecessary to take up a whole rail, and burn and roll it over, to repair the injury which occurs only on the first or upper inch. This subject is certainly worth more attention and encouragement than railway managers have yet given it. It is partly certain that perfect safety may be secured with even greater economy and less loss than the present section of iron rail can furnish in this climate. INVENTOR.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, March 19, 1873.

Three ill-favored Americans yesterday offered a deposit of $12,000 to a bank in Cork and were taken in custody under suspicion of complicity in the frauds on the Bank of England.

Michigan congratulates itself that both its Senators and two-thirds of its Representatives voted against the salary steal, and, through its Legislature, administers a scathing rebuke to the one-third who transgressed.

Gov. Leslie, of Kentucky, refuses to interpose in favor of the murderer, Thomas Smith, who will, therefore, be hanged, according to his sentence, on the 21st inst., a week after the date of Foster's execution.

The charges that Tom Scott bought the majority which defeated the National Railroad bill, in the New Jersey Legislature, have been repeated on every side with such definiteness and persistence, that that body has appointed a special committee to investigate these "rumors."

The strike of the locomotive engineers on the Missouri Northern Road continues, and the strikers finding the mere destruction of property tame work, have attempted murder. Piles of ties are heaped upon the track by night, in the hope of wrecking trains which are known to be on the road. A train that left St. Louis night before last was ditched by this devilish device, and that no one was killed was not the fault of the strikers.

Governor Washburn has vetoed the bill giving the Milwaukee & St. Paul Road the right to bridge the Mississippi at LaCrosse. The Federal Government, he argues, has exclusive jurisdiction in the matter, and has, by act of Congress, already made arrangements for the erection of a bridge at this point, and he refuses to sanction a bill which nullifies a law of Congress. The Lower House, on receiving the message, carried the bill over the veto.

Senator Thurman says he has had to examine a good deal of evidence in his professional career, but he never found any more conclusive than that fastening the charge of corruption on Senator Caldwell. He does not share the doubts of some of his colleagues concerning the right of the Senate to declare the election void. All the power the Senate needs is conferred by the clause of the Constitution making it sole judge of the election and qualification of its members.

Foster's friends have not abandoned him. Yesterday they sent Gov. Dix the sworn statement of several jurors that the verdict of guilty would never have been given had not the jury supposed in good faith that their recommendation to mercy would save Foster from being hanged. They pray the Governor to prevent the execution. Although Governor Dix in his letter to Dr. Tyng, published yesterday, went over this very plea and decided it adversely, he patiently promised to consider it again.

The arguments urged for the abolition of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission in the House, yesterday, were that it could do nothing that could not be as well done by the law-officers of the State, and that if the railroads could buy Congress and State Legislatures, they could easily corrupt the Commission. On the other hand, it was urged that the Commission was as necessary to guide and concentrate litigation on behalf of the people, as a General to command an army, that the Supreme Court and the Governor were as liable to be purchased as the Commission, and that this argument would compel the abolition of all the departments of the Government. The proposition was lost by a vote of 78 to 31.

The presentation of a second memorial from Missouri to the United States Senate, charging Senator Bogy with bribery, elicits an explanation from that gentleman. He reviews the investigations which were made by the Legislature, and which found him innocent, adds to their judgment his own opinion that he is nothing if not an honest man, and requests that the Senate will at once appoint a committee of investigation, pending which he will not vote upon the cases of Senators similarly situated. He calls attention to the fact that the second investigation at Jefferson City was ordered at his request, but he does not allude to the accusation of the St. Louis *Republican* that, in private, he begged the Legislature not to institute the examination which he demanded in public—an accusation which he has never denied, and which the *Republican* confidently avers he never will deny.

The Chicago produce markets were generally dull yesterday. Mess pork was quiet and 25c per brl lower, closing at $14.40 cash, and $14.75 @14.80 seller May. Lard was quiet and a shade higher, closing at $7.80@7.85 per 100 lbs, cash, and $8.05@8.07½ seller May. Meats were dull and a shade easier at 5c for shoulders; 6¼@6¾c for short ribs; 6¾@6¾c for short clear; and 9½@12c for sweet pickled hams. Lake freights were steady, and more active at 13c for corn to Buffalo. Highwines were quiet and firm at 87c per gallon. Flour was dull and easier. Wheat was more active, and 1c lower, closing at $1.18⅛ cash, $1.19⅛ seller April, and $1.23¼ seller May. Corn was less active, and ⅛@¼c lower, closing at 31½@32½ cash, and 35¼ seller May. Oats were more active, and ⅛@¼c lower, closing at 26@26⅝c cash, and 29¾c seller May. Rye was quiet and easier at 64@65c. Barley was quiet, and 2@3c lower, closing at 73c for seller the month or seller April. The grain in store in this city is reported at 2,412,460 bu wheat, 5,914,222 bu corn, 322,061 and bu do afloat, 1,700,681 bu oats, 304,441 bu rye, and 342,176 bu barley. Live hogs were in light demand, and prices were weak and lower, sales dragging at $4.75@5.20. The cattle market was quiet and weak. Sheep were fairly active and firmer.

THE HILDRUP RAILROAD BILL.

The bill which Mr. Hildrup introduced into the Legislature on Monday, to regulate railroad freight charges, presents by far the most rational proposition for enforcing reasonable railroad rates that has yet been offered. It concedes two important points: 1. That the regulation of railroad charges must be committed to the Executive Department and the courts, where it shall be first ascertained by investigation, and afterwards determined by evidence what rates are reasonable and what unreasonable; 2. That no arbitrary and inflexible tariff can be imposed by the legislative power without working gross injustice to both railroads and shippers. In recognizing these points, the bill conforms to the recent decision of the Supreme Court, and, at the same time, provides a simple and ready remedy for excessive or unreasonable charges. This is all that any class can legitimately demand, and the process is certainly fairer than that of "jumping on" the Supreme Court, and producing chaos, as has been proposed in some of the later public meetings. In point of time, it would require at least six years to change the complexion of the Supreme Bench, as its decision was unanimous. Moreover, it is doubtful whether a majority of the districts would vote against the re-election of a Judge simply because he declared the law to be what it is. The proposition would be regarded as revolutionary and dangerous by conservative people everywhere, and could not command the unanimous assent of the farmers' clubs themselves. Mr. Hildrup, on the contrary, has conceived of a plan by which the public may be protected from excessive rates and unjust discriminations without forcing all the railroads into a procrutean bed, and without abolishing the Supreme Courts.

The proposition is, that it shall be the duty of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners to examine the schedules of the various railroads in the State from time to time; and, whenever they shall believe that certain rates are unreasonable, they shall notify the Company to modify them and submit the modified rates to the written approval of the Commission. When a railroad corporation shall fail to modify its rates within twenty days, it shall be the duty of the Railroad Commissioners to bring suit on the part of the people in any Circuit Court of any county through which this particular railroad runs. The court in which such suit is brought is required to give it precedence over all other causes; a hearing before a jury is to be taken immediately; and its verdict is to be accepted as conclusive that the unapproved rates are unreasonable. A failure to comply after the decree has been given is made punishable by a fine of not less than $100 for each offense, and the party who has been thus forced to pay rates adjudged to be unreasonable shall be entitled to recover three-fold the amount he has paid as freight-money, and an allowance of $50 for an attorney's fee. The decree is to determine the schedule of rates for one year. It is a well-defined principle of common law that the charges of common carriers shall not be extortionate or unreasonable, and Mr. Hildrup's bill provides a commission that shall watch the interests of the people in this respect, and furnishes a judicial process for enforcing their rights wherever unjustly assailed. The right of appeal is granted to both sides, but it is limited to thirty days.

The proposition is one that should be acceptable to both shippers and railroads. All that the farmers pretend to demand, and certainly all they have a right to demand, is that railroads shall not make unfair discriminations, and that their charges shall not be in excess of what will afford a reasonable profit for the capital invested, upon a fair and economical administration of the business. What an economical administration is; what reasonable profit shall be construed to be; what the relative rates that the various stations should pay,—are all matters that can be determined by evidence in individual cases, but which cannot be governed by a general law that would apply equally to all railroad lines, without regard to the circumstances under which they are constructed and managed. If evidence demonstrates that rates which are regarded as excessive are rendered necessary by the cost of the iron and machinery, which is in turn excessive because of a tariff, it is not fair nor reasonable to demand that the railroads shall sustain the entire loss in order to maintain a delusive and exploded system of "protection." The farmers of the country must then go back of the railroads, and cause a repeal of the laws which coerce railroad corporations as well as themselves to pay extortionate prices for all the material they use. If, on the other hand, it is established by evidence that a certain railroad refuses to make a schedule upon which other roads, under equally favorable or unfavorable circumstances, can run their trains at a reasonable profit, then the rates must be decreased accordingly. Under the proposed plan, such case may be decided on its merits, and the shipping interest protected without expense or annoyance to the individual shippers.

The railroads should signify their willingness to abide by this proposition (it is probably the least they can expect), and co-operate with the Railroad Commissioners of the State in establishing reasonable rates everywhere. The question of discrimination can thus be disposed of without further trouble. Whether discrimination in a certain case is just or unjust, will be thus finally determined upon competent evidence. The railroads should be willing and anxious to conform to so plain a rule of law. If not, they will be made to conform to it. If they have been making excessive profits by unreasonable charges, it is time that such a practice should be discontinued. The result, we hope, will be a co-operation between the railroads and the Commissioners to satisfy the people and to avoid litigation. The schedules would be practically elastic and variable, according to the circumstances controlling prices, as the established maximum tariff would last but one year, even after judicial decree; and not necessarily so long if the railroads could agree with the Commission on reasonable charges without going into the courts. In such case they could, at any time, submit evidence of the necessity for a new schedule.

The bill is entitled to more respectful consideration than any other plan that has been brought before the Legislature. It may not be as perfect in detail as further consideration and discussion may suggest, but it has the only substantial basis that can be found in justice and common sense. It does not seek to make that a crime which is not a crime. It does not seek to hold conductors, ticket-agents, and other subordinates, responsible for the acts of their superiors. It does not fly in the face of all experience in other States and countries. It conforms, as nearly as possible, to the common law, and, therefore, has some chance of yielding practical results after it is passed. It may be a question whether the clause giving precedence in the courts to this class of cases is not an injustice to other suitors. It may be alleged that a man who claims that he has been overcharged $19 by a railroad ought not to be given an advantage over three or four hundred other persons who are seeking to enforce their rights to a much larger amount. But this is a minor consideration.

THE TAXES WE PAY.

On the 9th of March there came over the wires from Philadelphia the following wail sent forth by the carpet-manufacturers of that city:

> The carpet trade of this city is very seriously affected at present. The manufacturers can neither effect sales of their accumulating stocks nor procure advances on their New York consignments. Many of the firms contemplate suspending operations for an indefinite period, purposely to reduce their stocks. James Kitchenman, who has an extensive concern corner of Amber and Letterby streets, it is understood will close in a day or two. In addition to this trouble a general strike of the carpet-weavers is apprehended. The operatives of George McDade & Son, whose establishment extends from 2229 to 2239 Amber street, have already struck. The operatives of another concern on Hope street are also out.
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> The carpet-manufacturers have had more than even ordinary advantages under the tariff, and if any class of persons ought to have been enriched by protection they are the men. They have had protection in two forms: they have had excessive and enormous duties on foreign carpets, and they have had foreign carpet-woolens at low duties. They have had comparative free trade in the purchase of their raw material, and have had high protective taxes upon the foreign competing manufactures. While the manufacturers of fine cloths have been taxed out of their business because of the practical prohibition of the finer wools not produced in this country, the carpet-manufacturers have had the wools they need for their business at the low rate of 3 cents per pound. The scale of duties on foreign carpets, such as come into competition with the Philadelphia manufacturers, is as follows:

Carpets.	*Duty in gold, per cent.*	*Tax in currency.*
Brussels	70	78
Patent velvet tapestry	63	71
Tapestry Brussels	70	78
Three-ply ingrain	54	60
Two-ply ingrain	53	59
Druggets	89	100

> This is the tax levied upon the whole people to enable the carpet-manufacturers of Philadelphia to maintain their infant industry. Farmers in the West, who are complaining that the railroads only leave them 20 cents per bushel for corn, have voted a tax upon themselves of over 70 per cent on the single article of carpets, in order to enrich these manufacturers. This carpet tax is part of the great swindle into which the American wool-growers were seduced in 1867; the latter agreed to pay the carpet-manufacturers a tax of 70 per cent on their carpets, and were promised in return an advance in the price of wool. But the carpet-manufacturers so arranged the tariff that they could get their wool from foreign countries by paying a tax of 25 per cent. Notwithstanding this immense tax levied for their benefit, we have the wail of the carpet-manufacturers that they are ruined. Though they have had their share of the 20 cents per bushel for corn, they are suffering. Protection has, while exhausting the substance of the people, ruined the manufacturers. It has resulted in over-production, and as our carpets cannot be exported to any other country, but must be sold at home, they find themselves with large stocks of old patterns and styles, which are not marketable. Nothing can save them but adding another 20 per cent to the tax, thereby increasing the price of the stock on hand.
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> While on this subject it is well to call the attention of the producers to the general extent of this taxation for the benefit of manufacturers. The pension roll of the United States numbers about 250,000 persons, including widows and orphans, and the amount required to pay them is about twenty-five millions of dollars annually. This is for disabilities and death in faithful service in the army and navy of the country in time of war. Great as is the tax, no one complains of it. But we have another pension list,—a list of privileged classes,—to whom Congress has voted the right to collect taxes from the people. The Hon. Mr. Burchard, Member of Congress from the Freeport District of this State, who is a member of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, one year ago presented a table showing the annual bounties or taxes collected by these manufacturers, under the tariff, from the people. He compiled the table from official sources, and the result was, that the people, under the tariff, pay annually, in the way of increased cost of the home-manufactured goods, the following taxes for bounties or pensions to these privileged classes:

Manufactures of—	*Increased cost.*
Cotton goods	$ 51,241,000
Pig iron	12,980,000
Silk	11,250,000
Wire	1,063,000
Woolen goods	20,326,000
Railroad iron	4,340,000
Wrought iron	9,230,000
Steel	2,987,340
Paper	3,536,132
Total tax	$146,283,472

> This is the tax in the shape of increased cost placed by the tariff on the home-made goods, and not one penny of it goes into the Treasury. To pay that tax required 731,417,360 bushels of corn at 20 cents per bushel. The whole crop of corn in the United States, in 1872 was 1,150,000,000, and to pay this bounty to the five classes—the manufacturers of cotton, iron and steel, silk, woolen, and paper alone—takes nearly two-thirds of the whole. Farmers who want to know what becomes of the difference between the price they receive for their corn and the price paid for it by the consumers will find the answer in Mr. Burchard's figures.
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> The amount of wheat sold by the eight Northwestern States in 1870 was 81,000,000 bushels, and the surplus in 1872 was about 100,000,000 bushels. It will be seen that the tax on these five classes of goods alone is double the average value of the entire wheat crop at the place of growth. In other words, the farmers give their entire surplus wheat, and nearly all their corn, to pay the tax on these five articles. When, however, there come, in addition, the maker of glass, of salt, of copper, of crockery, of paints and oils, of boots, shoes, harness, of wagons, of linen and jute goods, and their various compounds, the farmer can have no difficulty in knowing where his corn and wheat go, and why it is that he has no money left to pay local taxes, to improve his farm, or increase his stock. He will discover, also, that he is laboring the year round to pay the privileged classes the bounties secured to them under the tariff law, and not for the benefit of himself and family.

THE HALSTED STREET HOMICIDE.

Governor Dix, who has always been peculiarly happy in his aphoristic sentiments, says, in his letter declining to interfere in the Foster case: "Every man who strikes a murderous blow at the life of his fellow, must be made to feel that his own is in certain peril." There is a need that this should be a guiding principle at this time, and at all times, in dealing with the dangerous classes. The present importance of Governor Dix's advice has just been illustrated almost simultaneously in New York and Chicago. On Monday evening, in New York, a party of three roughs, without provocation, began their murderous work in a saloon, and, evidently maddened at the sight of the blood they caused to flow, kept it up after going into the street, cutting and slashing with their knives at every one they chanced to meet. Early yesterday morning, a somewhat similar slaughter occurred in the disreputable neighborhood of Halsted street and Canalport avenue,—where Rafferty killed Officer O'Meara, and where the two police officers were forced to kill the two McVeighs to save their own lives. In yesterday's *melee*, one man had his throat cut from ear to ear, others were badly damaged, and it was only the singular chance which is noticed in rows of this kind that prevented a more general destruction of human life. The neighborhood in which this latest murder occurred is crowded with dangerous characters of the Rafferty and McVeigh stamp, who seem to be entirely uncontrolled by law. There is but one way in which an impression can be made upon such a community, and that is the way which Gov. Dix suggests. The rapid and certain execution of the law, death to actual murderers, and the severest punishment possible to would-be murderers, is the only effectual remedy that can be applied. Nothing short of this will appeal to the brutal instincts of the classes who defy the laws, and permit their passions to run wild. The man who deals a murderous blow "must be made to feel that his own life is in certain peril." It is only necessary that Driver's murderous companions should be tried according to law to have them go the same way he went last Friday. It is only by ridding the community of these outlaws that the class to which they belong may be brought under the terror that alone can restrain their murderous propensities.

THE LAKE-FRONT REPEAL BILL.

A bill to repeal the "Lake-Front Act" has passed to a second reading in the State Senate. We publish the act which it is proposed to repeal in another place, together with a synopsis of the argument of Hon. M. F. Tuley, the Corporation Counsel, in favor of the repeal. The act was passed in April, 1869, was vetoed by the Governor, and passed over his veto. It sought to convey to the Michigan Central, Illinois Central, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railways, three blocks of land lying on the lake shore, between Randolph and Monroe streets, for the erection of a passenger depot, for the sum of $890,000, to be paid to the city and distributed to the North, South, and West Divisions as a park fund. It granted to the City of Chicago the right, title, and interest of the State in and to the reminder of the grounds fronting Michigan avenue, commonly known as Lake Park, with the right to sell the same and apply the proceeds to park purposes elsewhere. It also sought to grant to the Illinois Central Railroad the submerged lands lying east of their track for a distance of one mile into the lake, and extending from the south pier to a point nearly opposite Sixteenth street, subject to the uses of navigation, reserving to the State the right to fix the rates charged for wharfage and dockage therein, and providing that 7 per cent of the gross receipts derived therefrom should be paid into the State Treasury. A clause was added declaring that, if the Illinois Central Railroad Company should lease any portion of this property, the leasehold portion should not be exempt from municipal or other taxation. This phraseology was construed to mean that the portion not leased should be exempt from taxation.

The Corporation Counsel justly observes that that portion of the act relating to the three blocks of land intended for depot purpose, is a very small matter; and, while he deems the price to be paid inadequate, he thinks the City Government would not be liable to censure if they should consummate the bargain, in view of the nature of the improvement to be made there. They have been restrained, however, by injunction issued out of the United States District Court; and the $200,000 paid by the Companies as a first installment, is still in the hands of Walter Kimball, the ex-Comptroller of the city. The real prize sought to be obtained is the outer harbor, and this portion of the act is what should especially be repealed.

The arguments presented by Mr. Tuley on this head are strong and convincing, and we have no doubt the Legislature will act upon them, and recover so much of this property as is still within their reach and control. The Railroad Company claim that, having filed their acceptance of the act in due form, their rights cannot now be impaired. If this be true, then no harm can be done by repealing the act, except, perhaps, to multiply litigation; but there is likely to be as much litigation as anybody can attend to, even if the act is not repealed.

Upon repealing the bill, it becomes the imperative duty of the Legislature to make other disposition of the property without delay, and it ought, by good rights, to be granted to the City of Chicago. It will never do to leave this property to be made the football of succeeding Legislatures. A bill granting this same outer harbor to a private company without any reservation as to charges for wharfage and dockage, and without providing for the payment of any percentage into the State Treasury, was passed through one branch of the Legislature in 1867. If the present Legislature adjourns without dedicating the outer harbor to the city, to which it justly belongs, a ring will be formed to get control of it in the next General Assembly, and the next, and the next, on less favorable terms to the public than those of the present act. It is altogether improbable that the State of Illinois will ever tax itself to build a system of docks for Chicago. This expense should be borne by the city, and the proceeds enjoyed by the city. We hope that the members of the Legislature from Cook County will see to it that an amendment is added to the Repealing bill granting the outer harbor to the City of Chicago, and prohibiting the city from ever alienating it or granting leases for more than a limited period. As regards the rates to be charged for wharfage and dockage, it will always be for the interest of the city to make them as low as possible, in order to attract and retain commerce.

THE ENGLISH PARLIAMENT AND PREMIERS.

The present crisis in English political affairs lends interest to the subjoined statements relative to the composition of Parliament and the Cabinet, both of which seem destined to take their places among the records of the past and give way to a new administration, the former by a new election and the latter by resignation. In the session of 1871, the House of Commons numbered 658 members. The total of England and Wales is 493, of whom 187 are from the counties and Isle of Wight, 301 from cities and boroughs, and 5 from the universities. The total of Scotland is 60, of whom 32 are from the counties, 26 from cities and boroughs, and 2 from universities. Ireland has 105, of whom 64 are from the counties, 39 from cities and boroughs, and 2 from universities. The members of the Gladstone Cabinet are as follows: Rt. Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, who succeeded Mr. Disraeli as Prime Minister in December, 1868; Rt. Hon. Robert Lowe, M. P. for the University of London, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Rt. Hon. Lord Selborn, better known as Sir Roundell Palmer, Lord Chancellor; the Marquis of Ripon, Earl de Gray and Ripon, who acted as Chairman of the Washington Joint High Commission, Lord President of the Council; Viscount Halifax, Lord Privy Seal; Hon. Henry Austin, Secretary for the Home Department; Earl Granville, Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Earl of Kimberley, Secretary for the Colonies; Rt. Hon. Edward Cardwell, M. P. for Oxford, Secretary of War; the Duke of Argyll, Secretary for India; Rt. Hon. George Joachim Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty; Rt. Hon. Chichester Samuel Parkinson Forte scue, M. P. for Louth, Ireland, President of the Board of Trade; the Marquis of Huntington, Chief Secretary for Ireland; Rt. Hon. W. E. Forster, Vice-President of the Council; Rt. Hon. James Stansfeld, President of the Poor Law Board; and Rt. Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Mr. Gladstone's resignation also gives interest to the following statistics relative to the Premiers who have held office during the past 114 years: The Duke of Newcastle came into power, April 5, 1754, and held office 8 years and 52 days; Earl of Bute, May 29, 1762, 322 days; Mr. G. Grenville, April 16, 1763, 2 years and 87 days; Marquis of Rockingham, July 12, 1765, 1 year and 21 days; Duke of Grafton, Aug. 2, 1766, 3 years and 179 days; Lord North, Jan. 28, 1770, 12 years and 34 days; Marquis of Rockingham, March 3, 1782, 132 days; Earl of Shelborne, July 13, 1782, 266 days; Duke of Portland, April 5, 1783, 260 days; Mr. Pitt, Dec. 27, 1783, 17 years and 80 days; Lord Sidmouth, March 17, 1801, 3 years and 56 days; Mr. Pitt's second Administration, May 12, 1804, 1 year 246 days; Lord Grenville, Jan. 8, 1806, 1 year and 64 days; Duke of Portland, March 13, 1807, 3 years and 102 days; Mr. Spencer Perceval, June 28, 1810, 1 year and 350 days; Earl of Liverpool, June 8, 1812, 14 years and 307 days; Mr. Canning, April 11, 1827, 121 days; Lord Goderich, Aug. 10, 1827, 168 days; Duke of Wellington, Jan. 25, 1828, 2 years and 301 days; Earl Grey, Nov. 22, 1830, 3 years and 231 days; Lord Melbourne, July 11, 1834, 128 days; Duke of Wellington, Nov. 16, 1834, 22 days; Sir Robert Peel, Dec. 8, 1834, 131 days; Lord Melbourne, April 18, 1835, 6 years and 138 days; Sir Robert Peel, Sept. 3, 1841, 4 years and 97 days; Lord John Russell, Dec. 10, 1845, 10 days; Sir Robert Peel, Dec. 20, 1845, 188 days; Lord John Russell, June 26, 1846, 5 years and 239 days; Earl of Derby, Feb. 22, 1852, 300 days; Earl of Aberdeen, Dec. 19, 1852, 2 years and 45 days; Lord Palmerston, Feb. 5, 1855, 3 years and 17 days; Earl of Derby, Feb. 21, 1858, 1 year and 111 days; Lord Palmerston, June 13, 1859, 6 years and 128 days; Earl Russell, on the death of Palmerston, 240 days; Earl of Derby, June 27, 1866, 1 year and 241 days; Mr. Disraeli, Feb. 28, 1868, about 10 months; December, 1868, Mr. Gladstone, about 4 years and 2 months.

A sort of retributive justice seems to have fallen upon Prussia, which for some time past has been gloating over the disclosures of Credit Mobilier in this country. The sale of railroad concessions has stirred the whole Kingdom. The people are tremendously excited. The press can find nothing else to discuss, and even the cable has been pressed into service to spread the intelligence. The whole machinery of Government—Parliament, Ministry, and Crown—has been set to work to apprehend and punish the offenders. To an American, all this bustle and excitement will seem laughable when it is remembered that the whole amount of the Prussian fraud only amounts to half a million thalers, or about $300,000,—a sum which would be laughed at in Washington or New York City. Laughable, however, as it may appear, there is something refreshing in this Prussian idea of official integrity. The first qualification exacted of officers is, that they shall be honest; the second, that they shall be capable; the third, that they shall be educated. A correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, writing from Berlin, says:

> A department clerk, who must as an indispensable condition be a graduate of some university, and who may be able to write dispatches in half-a-dozen languages, receives perhaps a salary of 2,000 thalers. Profound scholars, men who are familiar with science, with philosophy, with literature, with law, and who might fill professorships in any of these departments, work faithfully in a Government bureau on salaries which barely save their families from actual want. And they do not steal. They do not dabble in stocks. They do not attend caucuses, nor stuff ballot-boxes, nor "make combinations," nor lie and cheat, and bear false witness. They are honest by education, by instinct, by patriotism. They work faithfully year after year on their meagre salaries, prouder of their spotless names than of all the treasures of the world, and spending their leisure in the "consolations of pure philosophy."

Out of such material as the above has grown the finest military and civil service in the world.

Prof. Tyndall has commended himself to the gratitude of all students of science in this country, by disposing of the surplus funds which he made in his lecture-course so that they may be expended in aid of students who devote themselves to original researches. The gross receipts of Prof. Tyndall's lectures, thirty-five in number, were $23,100. Of this amount, the surplus above expenses, amounting to upwards of $13,000, has been conveyed in trust to Prof. Henry, Gen. Tyndale, and Prof. Youmans, for the purpose above mentioned. It will be remembered that Prof. Tyndall is not a man of wealth, which makes his noble contribution all the more praiseworthy. The New York *World* makes the excellent suggestion that some of our millionaires increase the sum to $50,000, and that the fund shall then be known as the Tyndall Fund, and the original researches made by its assistance as the Tyndall researches,—a small part of the interest being reserved for medals,—to be awarded only to original inquiries in the domain of science. Such a noble and disinterested contribution as this should be so generously supplemented as to carry out the intentions of the donor to the very utmost.

Gen. Fremont has published a long communication, in the New York papers, in which he defends himself from the charges made against him in connection with the negotiation of the bonds of the Memphis & El Paso Railroad in Paris, which the French Courts have recently made a subject of investigation. The main points of his defense are, that the bonds were negotiated at least nine months before he became President of the road, and that whatever misrepresentations were made concerning them originated in Paris, and were not made by him or men known to him. With an abiding faith in the Memphis & El Paso Road, he further maintains that the bonds are good,—a point, however, which the French holders fail to appreciate.

NOTES AND OPINION.

The last Congressional steal was not unlike many a private theft,—done in haste and trepidation, scattering plunder that was not carried away. Thus, the bill makes the President's $50,000 *additional* to the $25,000 already provided by law; but of this discovery, it is said, the President will not take advantage. The intent was also to increase salaries of Congressional employes (of the Capitol) 15 per cent; but the law, as it stands, reads Capitol,—thus, by decision of the Comptroller, embracing all the Departments. It is little comfort to know that the Comptroller does not, as yet, find in the bill any money to pay these employes, because we fear he will find it, as he did the money to pay Congressmen, "upon a closer examination."

—The temperance men of Rhode Island have adopted the Republican ticket, with, however, Latimer W. Ballou for Lieutenant-Governor, instead of Van Zandt; and Henry Goff for Treasurer, instead of Clark.

—The New York Constitutional Commission at Albany, completed its labors on Saturday, and adjourned. Its work, so far as approved by this and the next Legislatures, will be submitted to the people in 1874. The proposed amendments contemplate the greater responsibility of Governors and Mayors, and limit legislation to general laws.

—Members of the McEnery Legislature have organized a permanent caucus, to assemble weekly in New Orleans and advise as to the situation.

—C. W. Lowell, Speaker in the Kellogg Legislature, and late Postmaster at New Orleans, is quite in the fashion as a defaulter. His predecessors, dating from the War period, have left this record: J. M. G. Butler, brother-in-law of Ben Butler, a "discrepancy" of $10,000; Talisfero, accused of "embezzling" $23,000; and Col. Smallwood, poorer than when he took the office, went out on a "deficiency" of $20,000.

—Ben Butler's brother-in-law has been confirmed as Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans under Grant's Custom-House. There is nothing like placing brothers-in-law where they will do most good.

—The right to vote is held very cheap in Arkansas. A constitutional amendment restoring suffrage to some 20,000 citizens of that State, has just been submitted to the people, and approved by a large majority of the votes cast. About 2,000 negroes voted against it, but the Republicans generally refrained from voting at all, and permitted it to be carried by about one-third of the Democratic voters, while the other two-thirds were silent. The Republicans have found out that they can hold all the State offices under Grant's Administration in spite of any opposition vote, and the Democrats have discovered that they only get themselves into trouble and gain nothing by polling a majority against the proteges of the great Ulysses. Hence the apathy with which the question of enfranchising 20,000 more Democrats was regarded by both sides.—*St. Louis Republican.*

—Massachusetts is entitled to something better than five capitalists, one of whom leads the other four by the nose, and all legislating for their own interests. Of course the substitution of Mr. Harris for Mr. Amos, and Mr. Whiting for Mr. Twichell is a great improvement. A great victory over the capitalist theory of representation was gained by the election of Judge Hoar. But Butler, and Hooper, and Crocker remain, and the new Representative from the Eighth District is, by every fact of his career, bound to sympathize with them. There is very much reason to fear, too, that the supineness of our capitalist Representatives is about to give the control of the State Government into the most odious domination that Massachusetts has ever known. Twichell, and Hooper, and Crocker, and Ames are little better than errand-boys in the service of an ambition that aspires to reach the Presidency of the United States through the Governorship of Massachusetts and the cohesive power of the Republican party, and which already confirms its possession of the entire Federal patronage in the State by reaching one hand into the Senate Chamber, while with the other it manipulates the Treasury of the Nation.—*Letter to Boston Herald.*

The Erie Railway Investigation.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 18.—The Committee of the Assembly appointed to investigate Erie Railway matters met this morning. Gen. Francis C. Barlow, Attorney-General, made a statement showing that his connection with Gen. Sickles in the proceedings to effect a change in the Erie Directory was perfectly legitimate, and that moneys paid by Sickles were paid to special counsel.

NEW YORK, March 18.—An Albany (N. Y.) letter says that the proposed Erie Railway investigation has awakened much interest. Lobbyists who have been heretofore heavily subsidized by Gould and Fisk are said to have instigated it, owing to their failure to have derived anything from the present Directors. The management of the New York Central Road is a little alarmed, as among the matters which will be searched into is one just disclosed, which shows that William H. Vanderbilt had been voted $30,000 by the new Erie Directors for services in shaping legislation. At that time Gov. Dix was President of the road.

Supposed Loss of a Schooner and Twelve Lives.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The fishing schooner Joseph Garland, which was reported as lost in a Portsmouth (N. H.) dispatch, had a crew of twelve men. No tidings have been heard of the Garland since Feb. 23, but a portion of her wreck is supposed to have been seen by a steamer Feb. 26.

Steamer Sunk.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—The steamer Clarksville, owned by Samuel B. Adams, in the Arkansas River and New Orleans trade, was sunk yesterday at McKenzie's Landing, thirty-three miles below Pine Bluff, with 800 bales of cotton. The water is three feet over her deck. The steamer was valued at $15,000; uninsured. The cotton is being removed from the wreck.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Gold, Bond, Stock, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 18.—This was the dullest day in Wall street for months. Money was marked by increased stringency, the rates being 1-16 at the close. Telegrams from Washington report that the new Secretary will use his power over the $44,000,000 legal-tender reserve with extreme caution. There is nothing important doing in commercial paper, and choice grades are held at 9 to 12 per cent.

STOCKS.

Stocks were quiet throughout the day, and the changes in the general list unusually light. The only show of activity was in Pacific Mail, Western Union, and Lake Shore. New York Central, Rock Island, and St. Paul, which were fairly active for a short time during the early part of the day, became dull in the afternoon, and recorded few changes. The market for railroad bonds was firm with a small business.

GOLD.

It was rumored in the morning that the appointment of Secretary Richardson had caused the formation of a new gold clique, and gold advanced to 115⅝, but in the afternoon it declined to 114⅝ on a little more pressure to sell. Much of the borrowed sterling on which the stock speculators have been trading for the past thirty days is being exchanged for new bills drawn against railroad mortgages recently negotiated.

BONDS.

Governments were strong and higher, and sales amounted to $182,100. The largest dealings were in registered 1865s, coupon 1857s, and coupon 1868s. The advance was stimulated by the rise in gold and increased purchases for investment account. There is some demand from New England and other States, where taxes are levied on April 1, as capitalists there can escape local taxation by investing their money temporarily in Government bonds.

PRODUCE.

Flour was more active, with a steadier feeling; sales, 11,300 brls. Wheat was firmer, but dealers were apart in their views. The demand is chiefly for export. The millers hold off. Pork was moderately active and steady. Sales reported of 55 brls new mess at $16.25@16.31½. For future delivery, sales reported of 750 brls at about $16.31½ for June, and $16.50 for July. Cut meats exhibited a light business, and prices were without essential change. Dry salted shoulders are quoted at 6¼@6¾c, the lower figure being bid. Pickled do are quoted at 6¾c. Bacon was firmer for long clear at 7¾@7¾c on the spot. Short clear is quoted at 8¾c. Sales 600 boxes short clear last night, seller 60 days, at 8 1-16c, and do to-day at 8 3-16c for April. Lard

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WEATHER REVIEW.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, and Reports for the Benefit griculture.

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e River News.

To The Chicago Tribune.

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Peru—Steamer Friendship, of ice for Memphis, Tenn.; e Rock, Ark.; steamer Joe barges of ice for Nash- for St. Louis; also canal- and Deer Park No. 2, both mber for Peoria, and Ry- both light, for same destina-

ng. A good demand for anticipated.

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arch 18.—All is quiet at the e military are awaiting the Peace Commission. The that the Indians will come If not, the soldiers will immediately.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Railroad Question Under Consideration in Both Houses Yesterday.

The Proposition to Abolish the Railroad and Warehouse Board Defeated in the House.

ill Introduced for an Investigation Into the Lake Front Legislation of 1869.

Majority and Minority Reports of the Rummel Investigating Committee.

Final Passage of the $1,000,000 State House Appropriation Bill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

STATE CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

SPRINGFIELD, March 18.—The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Stewart, of McLean, came up as the special order:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Congress be requested to offer an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in substance as follows:

Declaring all railways in the United States public highways, and authorizing Congress to establish and control inter-State or through rates of charges for the transportation of persons and property thereon, and authorizing the State Legislatures, respectively, to establish and control the local rates.

Mr. Collins desired Congress to include an amendment providing that the provivisions of the Federal Constitution prohibiting the impairment of contracts do not apply to railway tariffs. After much talk, the matter was referred to the Railroad Committee,—79 to 24.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Next came Mr. Jones' proposition to abolish the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, which he supported on the ground that it was useless and unnecessary; that it could do nothing that might not be done as well by the law officers of the State. He desired an expression of the House. He understood that a delegation of the Board of Trade was coming from Chicago to urge changes in the law. Why not wipe it all out? He had no objection to the men personally. Mr. Johnson believed the movement to abolish the Board was premature. The proposition to divide the Board was rejected by the Warehouse Committees, and while those Committees were willing to make changes in the law on the subject of inspection. He did not know what the car-load of lobbyists wanted. If they desired to abolish the Board, and take the inspection of grain out of the control of the State, they would fail. It was a difficult matter to hold the balance even between the Board of Trade of Chicago and the State outside. For the sake of the warehouse laws that had to be enforced, the agriculturists of the State should oppose the abolition of that Board. His Committee (Internal Commerce) would report amendment to the Warehouse law. He believed the office of the Commissioner should be transferred to Chicago,—the great focus,—where appeals could be taken at any moment from the decision of the Inspector. They would also provide for flexibility in the grading of grain.

Mr. Shaw believed the Commission came very near being a grand success, as it would have been but for a flaw in the law, for which they were not responsible. All the contemplated legislation was based upon the continuation of the Commission, as the House would find in a few days, when the Committee reported its measures.

Mr. Morrison did not think there was any use for a Commission.

Mr. Dunham was of the same opinion. The Commission were simply executive officers, to say when a suit should be brought, and had simply charge in a general way of railroad litigation. These men were not skilled in law, and the Attorney General was more competent to say when a suit should be brought. If, as was alleged in the papers, the railroads carried the Legislature of Illinois in their pockets, how much more easily could they pocket a commission of these men. He said nothing against the Commission personally. Why not give the power of instituting suits to the people, to their States Attorneys and County Boards?

The last Commission produced a book by its Secretary, which could have cost far less. There might be a row in the new Commission, as there was in the old. He believed that for administering the law the Commission was a useless instrumentality. The Legislature could not fix a tariff, nor could it confer the power on any Commission. That was a question for a jury only. He thought the power of the State could be arraigned against railroads without the interference of these Commissioners, who were human. Suppose no corrupt influences could be brought to bear upon them. He would prefer to trust the judgment of the people in their county and township organizations. The railroads could not buy up the whole people. The judgment of the people was least likely to err. If them provide the vial violations of the law be presented as in other criminal cases. He would never vote for a bill that would give a Commissioner the right to fix rates, as it would be futile and illegal. He hoped that the matter would be left with the people. A motion to order the previous question failed, and debate was adjourned to the afternoon.

Mr. Gordon, a member of the Farmers' Club Committee on Railroads, considered the Commission a fraud and a humbug. The case of the railroads was parallel to that of a man who invaded domestic life, and got killed by the outraged husband. Under the law, he was guilty of murder, but was acquitted by a jury, and the community approved the verdict. So the community would justify violence against railroads. The aggregation of capital robbed the people of the rights of labor. It was openly proclaimed that railroads purchased Legislatures, and even Congress. How much easier would it be to invest in three Commissioners? Was it any wonder the people distrusted three Commissioners, when great men in Congress succumbed to railroad money? Let no body of men stand between the people and the railroads. Let the people get directly at them. There were too many officials in Illinois. The Commission was an unnecessary and expensive luxury. The Secretary of the Commission told the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture that the farmers were making consummate fools of themselves on the railroad question. That was nice talk for a man to whom the farmers were giving food and clothes. Away with the Commission.

Mr. Moore, of Adams, did not believe there was money enough in Illinois to buy the gentlemen on the Board, but, unless they were of practical use, he was in favor of abolishing them. He had heard no good reason why they should be continued. What good were they except to collate statistics? They were paid large salaries to do nothing, and furnished a clerk to help them. The decision of the Supreme Court showed that the Commissioners could not fix maximum rates; that would be prima facie evidence of extortion or unjust discrimination. If they could not do that which was a question of fact for a jury, what were they for? He desired to make the people of the State a Committee of the Whole to enfore whatever laws were enacted.

Mr. Connolly thought it was wrong to precipitate the proposition to abolish the Board at the heel of the session, and after the Railroad Committee had been working on the basis of a Commission. If members waited a few days, until the Railroad Committee reported, they would find the commission was a bulwark between the people and the railroads. Without some such body, the people would be acting as a disorganized mob and rabble, against the combined capital of railroad corporations. They should be very careful how they commented on the honesty of the Railroad Commission, when they were liable to similar uncharitable comments from their constituents. Corrupt a commission of them, indeed! Why not say the Governor of the State could be corrupted? No one dared do so. Would it not be cheaper for the railroads to corrupt a majority of the Supreme Court and render all legislation nugatory? The cry of corruption was raised by railroad men to undermine the confidence of the people in any legislation against railroads. The Commission was pronounced expensive. The people expected money to flow like water before railroads were regulated. Railroads paid the highest salaries to the best lawyers, and the State should meet them with an equal amount of ability. They would entrust the case to State's Attorneys, many of whom were not lawyers, and expect them to contend with the best legal talent on the continent. The most joyful news the railroads could hear would be that the House of Representatives had voted to abolish that Board. Suppose they had abolished Generals during the war, and let the soldiers act as a disorganized rabble; what would have become of them? The Commissioners, if they could not fix maximum rates, could do something else. Until the people demanded the abolition of the Board, it should be sustained.

Mr. Massie, of Pike, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Civil Service, or Retrenchment, which was lost.

Mr. Armstrong, of Grundy, did not believe the Commission were of any service. They were excellent men, no doubt, but were not lawyers, and what sensible man with a lawsuit on his hands would entrust it to them or other men who were ignorant of law?

The previous question was ordered, and the resolution was lost—38 yeas; 71 nays.

Mr. Morrison's resolution to declare 3 cents a mile the legal maximum rate for passengers was referred to the Railroad Committee.

THE LAKE-FRONT ACT.

Mr. Shaw caused a little excitement in the House by introducing a bill providing for the appointment of a special Committee of three Senators and four Representatives to investigate the means used to pass the Lake-Front bill through the Legislature of 1869. There is—if the bill passes—to be an official reporter to take the evidence. Power is to be given the Committee to send for persons and papers, and contemplates arriving at, as far as practicable, the inception and passage of the act and the influences used to accomplish that end. The bill requires the Committee to make a full and detailed report of its work to the Governor for the use of the General Assembly. It requires said report to show, if the Committee shall be able, the history, pendency, and passage of said Lake-Front bill, with the influence and means used to procure its passage, whether by the railroad corporations or other persons interested in such bill; with the influences and means used to secure votes in the General Assembly that passed the bill. It also requires the Committee to state the present value of the property granted, its value at the time of the grant, and the consideration rendered for such grants by the parties to whom such grants were made. The bill contains an emergency clause, and contemplates a report to the adjournment session of the General Assembly.

The House Railroad Committee has decided to report the bill, with a recommendation that it do pass. It will be presented in the morning.

SENATE RAILROAD BILL.

The Senate spent the day profitably discussing the bill introduced by its Railroad Committee, Mr. Donahue and Mr. Voris making speeches in its favor. It was considered by sections, and some verbal alterations made, when it was ordered to a third reading. It will pass the Senate.

THE SENATE STOCK-YARDS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

held another secret session this evening, when Mr. Sherman and other officials are said to have given testimony. The doings of this Committee are surrounded by a strange mystery, reporters being excluded from its sessions, and all its proceedings being hidden. Another committee should be appointed to find out why this Committee is afraid to let the public see what it is doing. Some of them say they will report in the morning.

GRAIN INSPECTION.

A joint meeting of the two Warehouse Committees was called this evening to hear Mr. C. E. Culver, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Thomas Wright, a Director, on the necessity of amending the law so as to allow a flexible grading of grain. Mr. Culver read an address explaining the hardships of the law, and how detrimental it was, not only to Chicago, but to the shipper and producer. Mr. Wright explained the injustice to Chicago of the test of weight, which did not prevail in other cities. Senator Williamson has prepared a bill providing for a Committee of Appeals to be appointed annually by the Governor, which shall adjudicate cases appealed from the Inspector, and change the grades when necessary. The sentiment of the Committee seemed favorable to abolishing the arbitrary rule of inspection, and an attempt will be made to pass such a measure.

STATE-HOUSE APPROPRIATION.

The Senate bill appropriating $1,000,000, one-half out of this year's assessment, and one-half out of next, to continue work on the new State-House, passed the House with the emergency clause—yeas, 107; nays, 5, Cassidy, Forth, Granger, Hart, and Moore, of Marshal. On receiving the Governor's signature, the act will be in force probably,—to-morrow.

OTHER BILLS PASSED.

The House passed the McGrath Senate bill making it a misdemeanor to threaten, intimidate, or unlawfully interfere with any person to prevent him from working, or from obtaining work, at any lawful business on any terms he or she may see fit. This prevents interference by trades-unions.

The House also passed the Senate bill making Mr. Stevenson Clerk of the Superior Court in Cook County after the expiration of Mr. Jacobson's term.

The House bill repealing the Registry law in towns casting less than 1,500 votes was passed—105 to 7.

SANITARY.

Mr. Anderson offered a resolution reciting that the old State-House is unhealthy, and the Commissioners having $1,000,000 at their disposal should hurry up with the new building, so as to have it ready by next winter. Adopted. It is understood the Commissioners say they can have the two halls ready by October next.

THE PONTIAC LAND CASE.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Pontiac land case is believed to seriously affect the interests of the State with reference to aid received or promised by other places. For instance, Champaign County issued bonds to the Agricultural University, and the United States gave, as an endowment, public lands, which were sold and the money realized. Of this amount $115,000 was invested in Champaign County bonds belonging to the institution, which were transferred to the endowment fund, from which the money was taken. This endowment fund the State agreed with the United States to keep intact. Now, if Champaign bonds are worthless, must the State supply the deficiency of $115,000?

REASONABLE RATES.

Mr. Lane, of Hancock, offered a resolution construing the word "reasonable" in Sec. 12 of Article 11, so that it shall be simply mandatory, and not a limitation of the powers of the General Assembly, and providing that maximum rates fixed by law shall continue reasonable until changed by the Legislature. On Tuesday it will be a special order.

THE COPYING CHARGES.

The Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Rummel reported this morning through its Chairman, Mr. Savage. This gentleman refused to allow the members of the press, with one exception, to copy the report, and it would be proper to ask why he gave the document to a St. Louis paper and refused all others.

The report sets forth that Mr. Rummel has charged for copying laws and journals of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, as follows:

For copying laws, 2,528,800 words, at 8 cents per 100	$ 3,023.04
For journal for record, 14,767,800 words, at 8 cents per 100	11,814.24
For journal for Printer, 14,767,800 words, at 8 cents per 100	11,814.24
Making a total of	$25,651.52

The Committee, after computation, finds that the total number of words in written journals was 7,284,986, which, at 8 cents per 100 words, would amount to $6,387.92, instead of $11,814.24. The written journal pages averaged 34,172 words, and on that basis there were 4,882,656 words, which, at 8 cents per 100, amounts to $3,906.12, being $7,908.12 less than the amount charged for the work. The 4,106 printed pages of journals averaged 431 1-6 words each, and the number of words copied for the printer on this basis was 1,770,370, which, at 8 cents per 100, would amount to $1,416.30, instead of $11,814.24, being an excess of $10,397.34 over the amount charged. The number of words in the laws of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly (800 pages, averaging 500 words each) was 400,000, which, at 8 cents per 100, would amount to $320, instead of $2,023.04 charged, making an overcharge of $1,723.04. Mr. Rummel explains the discrepancy by saying it included copying bills which never became laws. The copyist's rule is to reckon 800 words per page of the written journals and 250 words per page of legal cap in copying the laws for the printer. Taking the estimates based upon this rule, the bill for copying, taking the journals as they were written, would be as follows:

RECAPITULATION.

Copying written journals, 7,284,800 words	$ 6,387.92
Copying printed journals, 1,770,370 words	1,416.30
Copying laws, 400,000 words	320.00
Total	$ 8,124.22
Amount of bill charged by Mr. Rummel for the same work	25,651.52
Excess of charge over our estimate	$17,527.30

"The amount drawn by Mr. Rummel from the State Treasury is $17,280.64, from which amount taking our estimate above, leaves the sum of $9,156.42 already overdrawn.

With reference to printing paper, they report that the contract calls for forty-five pounds per ream, which in some instances fell short two pounds per ream. The paper seemed to be of quality equal to sample.

The report is signed by Amos Savage, John Pollock, and B. B. Hampton. They recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, It appears that Edward Rummel, late Secretary of the State, has charged against the State, and received from State Treasurer for copying the laws and journals of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, a much larger sum than he was by law entitled to receive therefor, notwithstanding which the said Edward Rummel claims that he is entitled to demand and receive from the Auditor of State a warrant upon the Treasurer of State for an additional sum of more than $8,000, for copying said laws and journals; therefore,

Be it resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring herein, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby, directed not to issue any further warrants to Edward Rummel, or to any other person on his account, for said copying; and

Be it further resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, instructed to take such measures as may be necessary, by suit or otherwise, to recover from the said Edward Rummel the amount by him overdrawn as aforesaid.

WHAT THE MINORITY SAY.

The minority report is as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The undersigned members of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed under a resolution of both Houses, with instructions to investigate the charges against Edward Rummel, late Secretary of State, for alleged overcharges for copying the laws and journals of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, not concurring entirely in the report of the other members of the Committee, now respectfully submit the following for the purpose of laying before this Assembly, more fully and completely, the facts elicited during this investigation.

Under the law of 1869 it was made the duty of the Secretary of the State to copy the laws and journals of both Houses, which previously had been done under contract. The sum allowed the Secretary for this work of copying is 8 cents for each 100 words.

The Constitution of 1870 requires that all bills, before they are finally acted upon by either of the Houses, shall be printed. Under this provision, the Twenty-seventh General Assembly ordered many bills printed after they were engrossed, which were handed by the officers of both Houses to the Secretary of State, and were then copied by him for the printer.

For this work Mr. Rummel charged also at the rate of 8 cents for each 100 words, to which he was unquestionably entitled under the law. This latter work was imperatively required, as the bills when once engrossed could not with safety be allowed to go beyond the control of the State authorities.

In the account as presented in the report of the other members of the Committee there is no pay allowed to the ex-Secretary for bills copied which were not passed, they having erroneously put down the amount for laws only at $2,023.04 (2,528,800 words), while the whole charge of Mr. Rummel for laws and engrossed bills is but $1,870.32 (2,337,900 words), as will appear in the bill below.

It was proven by all witnesses examined on this point, even by the newspaper correspondent who originally preferred these charges against the ex-Secretary, and who claimed much experience in such matters, that in all cases where work of copying is done and estimated, it is the universal practice and custom to estimate all pages in documents or books written upon as full pages, the same as the printer does in estimating his work.

The necessity of averaging instead of actually counting the words (which of itself would be a work of immense magnitude) must be apparent; it is a custom adopted throughout the country.

It was sworn to by all the witnesses that the estimates adopted and customary in the Department of the Secretary of State for many terms previous to that of Mr. Rummel, in making up the accounts for the copying of the journals and laws, were:

First—To estimate any page of the written records of the journals as containing 800 words, then take the whole number of written pages contained in each book, multiply the one with the other, and take the result of the calculation as the total number of words contained in each book respectively.

Second—To estimate each page of legal cap, upon which the engrossed laws are copied, as containing 250 words, then count the number of written pages of such laws, multiply the one with the other, and thus arrive at the number of words in each of such bills or laws respectively.

Upon this basis and custom, established by long previous usage and custom in the Secretary's Department, Mr. Rummel's accounts are made up and are correct, with the exception of 449 pages (to be counted double, for printed record), which the new State-House erased, but not written upon, making a deduction of $633.48 from his bill necessary and proper, which deduction, we understand, was previously made by Mr. Rummel himself on examining the accounts prepared by his assistants. With the above deduction his bill is as follows;

For copying laws and engrossed bills for printer, 2,337,000 words, at 8 cents per 100 words	$ 1,870.32
For copying journal for record 14,367,200 words	11,509.76
For copying journal for printer, same number of words	11,509.76
Total amount of bill	$24,889.94

The undersigned, in giving their estimate, as the custom, as set forth above, did not think it their duty to undertake the herculean task of making an actual count of all the words written under this work; yet, by adopting the method of counting single pages written full, we are satisfied that the average actual number of words contained on each page of the large journal records estimated at 800 words by the witness of Mr. Rummel falls somewhat short of that number, while the average estimate of a legal-cap page of 250 words is very correct.

It was further proven by the sworn testimony of Mr. Rummel's copyist that he paid them upon the same basis of calculation (800 words to the record page and 250 to the legal-cap page) as he, Mr. Rummel charged to the State.

It appears from Mr. Rummel's account-book of moneys paid his copyists for copying this work, and as appears from an affidavit (a copy of which is hereto attached), Mr. Rummel has therefore paid out on account of this work the sum of $10,627.70.

One witness, the present Secretary of State, also swore that from his experience during several years' connection with the office as chief clerk under Mr. Rummel he was satisfied that Mr. Rummel had not only sought to conduct that department with the greatest regard for the interest of the State, but that he Mr. Rummel had strictly endeavored to save money to the State whenever he could, even though it were to his own pecuniary disadvantage.

In proof of this the present Secretary of State called the attention of your Committee to a letter written by Mr. Rummel to the Lieutenant-Governor, date of April, 1871, suggesting the discontinuance of certain copying. (A copy of which letter is also hereto attached.)

In conclusion, the undersigned would most respectfully state that, in their estimation the fact that Mr. Rummel followed a custom established by his predecessors upon entering what to him was a new Department, and where, in many respects he was compelled to advise with persons who were formerly connected with the office, as to its management, does not appear to the undersigned to deserve censure—he having been guided in all his actions by a spirit of honesty and care for the proper conduct of the business of his office, and for the interests of the people of the State.

With these statements we hope the General Assembly will be enabled to take definite action on this subject understandingly.

OTTO PELTZER
GEORGE GUNDLACH.

The reports and resolutions were made the special order for Tuesday next.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, March 18, 1873.

ROLL CALL.

The roll was called, showing 31 Senators present. Three Senators were subsequently allowed to record as present.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

On motion of Mr. WAITE, consideration of Senate bills on second reading was resumed, and several bills appropriating money to State institutions passed a second reading and were ordered on file for consideration by sections.

ESTRAYS.

The Committee on Revision reported a bill in relation to estrays.

NEW BILLS.

By consent, Senator WILCOX introduced a bill for an act relating to marriage contracts.

By Senator BURKE—Exempting property of blind and infirm persons from forced sale.

By Senator CASEY—Relating to corporations, and prescribing the duties of the Attorney-General in reference thereto, and fixing his compensation therefor.

By Senator BALDWIN—Providing for the publication of geological reports.

By Senator YAGER—Repealing the act for incorporation of the Pioneer Insurance Company.

By Senator DOW—Prohibiting advertisements of lotteries and games of chance.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Consideration of Senate Bill 357, reported by the Railroad Committee, to prevent discrimination and extortion in rates of freight, was taken up. The passage of the bill was advocated at length by Senator Donahue, in a legal argument. Senator Voris followed.

THE RUMMELL INVESTIGATION.

Senator HAMPTON, by consent, presented the majority report of the Select Committee to investigate the charges against ex-Secretary Rummell, on behalf of Senator Gundlach, absent on account of sickness.

Senator CASEY presented a minority report of the same Committee. The reports were ordered printed.

Further consideration of the Railroad Committee's bill regulating freight tariff was postponed until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Several House bills passed a second reading.

Adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Consideration of Senate bill 357, was resumed. A number of amendments of minor importance were proposed, and a majority lost. One appointing the Attorney-General to conduct all suits, upon proper notification, and to employ such assistance as necessary, was adopted.

A section offered by Mr. STARNE, preventing railroads from discriminating in relation to cars and their distribution, was lost—ayes, 14; noes, 23.

The bill was ordered engrossed and to a third reading.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

NEW BILLS.

By Mr. MOORE (Adams)—To reorganize the Fire Department of Quincy.

By Mr. BISHOP—In regard to bridges lying outside of incorporated cities and villages.

By Mr. SHAW—To amend the Fees and Salaries act. Also a bill for an act to inquire into the means used to secure the passage of the act known as the "Lake-Front act."

By Mr. WASHBURN—In regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Mr. LANE (Hancock) offered a resolution as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, defining the meaning of the word "reasonable," as used in the section authorizing legislation to regulate railroads.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

The resolution of Mr. Stewart, of McLean, requesting Congress to submit an amendment to the Constitution of the United States declaring all railways public highways, and authorizing Congress to establish and control inter-State rates of transportation, and authorizing the States to control local rates, was taken up.

Mr. COLLINS offered an amendment, providing that the proposed amendment shall construe the clause in the Constitution in relation to impairing contracts as not applying to legislation regulating rates of tariff on railroads. Lost.

Mr. CASSEDY offered an amendment striking out the word "authorizing" and substituting the words "declaring the power of."

Mr. COLLINS offered an amendment substantially the same as the one previously offered by him.

Mr. BALLOW moved that the resolution and amendments be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. Carried—yeas, 79; nays, 21.

COUNTY-SEAT REMOVAL.

Special Order No. 3, the resolution of Mr. Jones to abolish the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissions was taken up and debated at considerable length; the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolution was not adopted—yeas, 38; nays, 71—as follows:

YEAS.		
Alexander (Crawford),	Easley	Llezius,
Alexander (Montgomery),	Flanders,	Massie,
Armstrong (Grundy),	Forth,	McPherran,
Armstrong (Lasalle),	Freeland,	Moore (Adams),
Casey,	Gordan,	Morrison,
Chambers,	Grey,	Neville,
Cronkrite,	Hay,	Scott,
Darnell,	Henry,	Sherman,
Dolan,	Hopkins,	Snow,
Dunham,	Jackson,	Sylvester,
	James,	Thornton,
	Jones,	Truitt,
	Lane (Hancock),	Washburn,
	Lemma,	Wayman—38.
	NAYS.	
Anderson,	Hildrup,	Rice,
Ballow,	Hollis,	Rogers,
Bocock,	Hollenbaack,	Rountree,
Booth	Inscore,	Savage,
Bradwell,	Jaquess,	Sawyer,
Branson,	Jessup,	Senne,
Cassidy,	Johnston,	Shaw,
Collins,	Mann,	Shumway,
Connolly,	Marsh,	Starr,
Davis,	McAdams,	Stewart (Wnbgo)
Dement,	Meacham,	Stewart (McLean),
Dewey,	Middlecoff,	Streator,
Efner,	Moore (Marshall),	Stroud,
Harriger,	Moose,	Swan,
Freeman,	Mulvane,	Taggart,
Graham,	Nulton,	Thomas,
Granger,	Oberly,	Tillson,
Grob,	Orendorff,	Warner,
Gridley,	Peltzer,	Webber,
Hart,	Penfield,	Webster,
Harvey,	Pinnell,	Wick,
Harrington,	Plowman,	Wood,
Hite (Madison),	Pollock,	Wymore,
Hite (St. Clair),	Ramey,	Mr. Speaker.—71.

REFERRED.

Special order No. 4, Morrison's resolution in regard to establishing rates of transportation on railroads, was referred to the Railroad Committee.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills were passed: Senate bill in regard to the administration of estates—yeas, 109; nays, 1. Senate bill appropriating $1,000,000 to continue work on the new State-House—yeas, 107; nays, 5. Senate bill 66, concerning clerks of the Superior Court of Cook County—yeas, 89; nay, 10. Senate bill 78, to prevent strikes among coal-miners—yeas, 94; nays, 3. House bill 370, amending the Registry law—yeas, 105; nays, 7.

Mr. Anderson offered a resolution instructing the State-House Commissioners to have the new State-House ready for an adjourned session. Adopted.

Adjourned.

GRANT VICE FORSYTHE.

The announcement that Lieut. Fred Grant was about to finish his academic course at one bound, by assuming certain duties incident to his appointment on Gen. Sheridan's staff, has already created a very strong feeling in the city. Not because Fred Grant is coming to Chicago, for that is a matter entirely for Fred Grant's benefit, and the people of this city are generous enough to wish for improvement wherever needed. If society likes Mr. Grant when he comes, Mr. Grant will be made aware of it, but if he does succeed in making himself popular, it will not be through the circumstances which have brought him here, for there are much against him. It is now known that the gallant officer whose removal is to pave the way for Mr. Grant's promotion is one from whom Chicago is most unwilling to part, one of her most cherished sons, a gentleman in every way worthy of the city's affection; who, though quite quite young, has won by heroism the exalted position he holds in the army, and by his many social qualities the esteem and regard of his fellow-citizens. Gen. George A. Forsythe is to be retrieved and reduced to the rank of Major, and sent to join his regiment in the field, to make room for Mr. Fred Grant, a young man of whom nothing is known except that he enjoys the distinction of being the son of a living President of the United States; has traveled to Europe in an United States war steamer, the bills being paid by the people of the United States.

No reason is assigned for this change. There is probably no officer in the country so much esteemed at home as is Gen. Forsythe. Nothing has ever been done by him to merit such treatment. It is the duty of a soldier to obey, but the citizens of Chicago hold that the order is a direct insult to them, and the public feeling at present is about as bitter as it can be.

When the war broke out, George A. Forsythe was bookkeeper for J. V. Farwell & Co. At the first call for 75,000 men, by President Lincoln, in April, 1861, he enlisted in the Barker Dragoons, a company formed in this city. He served for three months in this corps, in West Virginia, and returned at the expiration of that time to Chicago. He immediately joined the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, Company G, and was again in active service in Virginia. He was promoted to the Captaincy of Company A, of the same regiment, then to the Majority, and finally to the Lieutenant-Colonelcy. When Gen. Sheridan made his famous raid in the Shenandoah Valley, he made the acquaintance of the brilliant young officer. His dash, courage, sagacity, and military style won the admiration of Gen. Sheridan, who transferred him to his staff, where he remained to the close of the war. Since that time he served on the plains under Gen. Custer. His conduct on "Beecher's Island" has been immortalized in the periodical literature of the country, in Gen. Custer's history of that terrible conflict, published in the *Galaxy* for December, 1872, and subsequently in THE TRIBUNE on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1872. In this engagement, with the most ferocious of Indian tribes, who outnumbered him twelve to one, Gen. Forsythe was twice wounded. With a little ball in one thigh, and the bone of the other leg shattered, he bravely maintained his position for five days, until aid arrived.

The article to which we allude concludes as follows: "Forsythe the gallant leader, after a long period of suffering, and leading the life of an invalid for nearly two years, finally recovered from the effects of his severe wounds, and is now, I am happy to say, as good as new, contentedly awaiting the next war to give him renewed excitement."

It was only fair to give the brave officer a chance to recuperate and enjoy the social homage he had so dearly won. He was accordingly found once more on Gen. Sheridan's staff, with brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Since the headquarters of Department of the Missouri were located here, Gen. Forsythe has been one or the most popular men in the society of the city.

It is a long skip from Second-Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Colonel, and Mr. Fred Grant is to make that skip. On what grounds this wholesale promotion of a raw West Point graduate should be made at the expense of a brave and sorely-tried soldier, a true gentleman, and as clever a fellow as ever lived, is what the people want to know.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The wife of Mr. Lyons, of No. 277 Burnside street, made a mistake yesterday which came near causing her death. She had been sick for some time, and, suffering much pain in the forenoon, picked up a bottle which she supposed contained the medicine prescribed by the physician. Instead of so doing, however, she took a dose of laudanum. The effect of the opiate soon became apparent, and Dr. Mignoult was called in. He succeeded, with the aid of emetics and skillful treatment, in removing the drug from her stomach, and last evening pronounced her to be out of danger.

A Life Insurance Company in Trouble.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Information has been filed in the Court of Criminal Correction against Charles H. Peck, President, and the other officers of the St. Louis Mutual Life Insurance Company, for failing and refusing to furnish a sworn statement of the business and condition of the affairs of said company to the Insurance Commissioner of the State as required by law.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

An adjourned meeting of the Chicago Photographic Association will be held this evening at No. 158 State street.

Newspaper articles on the pampered aristocracies of effete monarchies are now in order. *Vide* Freddie Grant.

The cases of Buckhorn for opening letters, and Harmon for perjury, before Commissioner Hoyne, yesterday, were continued to Thursday.

Michael Scarrett, a professional robber, was held by Justice Banyon, yesterday morning, until Thursday, in bail of $500.

Sneak thieves carried off three valuable overcoats from the hall of No. 1020 Wabash avenue, yesterday morning, about 11 o'clock.

The presentation of the new cantata, "The Haymakers," at the University Place Baptist Church on Thursday evening, will be under the direction of it author, Dr. George F. Root.

The remains of the late W. B. Hoffman were taken East last evening by his family for interment at Brooklyn, after brief funeral services at the late residence of deceased on West Adams street, where Rev. Dr. Swazey officiated.

John Bolen, residing at No. 346 Fifth avenue, was robbed of a valuable watch yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. He had left a vest containing his watch in his room, expecting to be absent but a short time. When he returned it was gone.

The military circles of the city are of the impression that they have slept, Van Winkle-wise, some quarter of a century or so, and wakened to find an heir apparent to the throne of Ulysses the First.

Professor Blackburn delivered an entertaining and instructive address last evening before the Young Men's Association of the Presbyterian Seminary, on "Cromwell and His Times."

A man named Henry Glance was arrested by Officer Harris yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, with a large cheese in his arms. Glance was held yesterday morning for further trial, and the cheese is at the Armory, where the owner will find it, until next Saturday. After that time, it will, probably, rapidly disappear.

Yesterday morning about 4 o'clock the dry-goods store of J. Baum, at No. 252 State street, was entered by thieves. Several valuable pieces of silk were stolen, valued at $400. Entrance was obtained to the store through the basement, by sawing a hole in the floor. The thieves turned the gas out in the store to conceal their operations.

The mortality report of Dr. Rauch, submitted at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health, shows a total of 150 deaths for the week ending March 15, besides 1 premature birth and 20 still births. There was an increase of 10 over the mortality of the preceding week. Among the decedents 48 were infants. There were but 8 deaths by small-pox during the week, and there was no change in the number of infected.

Mr. Longley, one of the court bailiffs, is the object of the deepest sympathy of all who know him. Maime M. Longley, aged 2 years, 11 months, and 14 days, died, yesterday morning, at Harlem, Ill., of scarlet fever, being the third of Mr. Longley's family that has been swept down by the scythe of death during the past week.

J. O'Connell, John Conners, and James Brien, were before Judge Scully yesterday morning, on the charge of assault with intent to commit robbery. J. Decker, who preferred the charge, swore that, while standing on Blue Island avenue, near Halsted street, on Monday, watching the procession, the defendants assaulted him and snatched his watch. They were held to the Criminal Court in bonds of $1,000, $700, and $1,500, respectively.

The alarm of fire from Box 384, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, was caused by flames issuing from a two-story grocery store and dwelling, No. 164 Lake street. The

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 18.

Money continues in good supply in the local market, and many of our banks would be willing to increase their loans yet if the right kind of collaterals were offered.

New York exchange continues firm at par for sales between banks.

THE MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

Further information from reliable sources induces us to believe that the consolidation of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company—referred to in this column this morning—will not be with the Pennsylvania Company. But a practical consolidation of equal importance between the Milwaukee & St. Paul and other extensive Western railroad interests, we are assured, has been agreed upon, and will soon be effected.

THE STRINGENCY IN THE EASTERN CITIES.

The continued stringency of money in New York and Boston is a prominent feature in the general financial condition, and is in strong contrast with the ease in this city. A recent statement of the Associated Banks of Boston shows that their aggregate deposits have declined from $55,802,300, on Feb. 24, to less than $49,000,000 at the close of last week, a decrease of over $6,000,000 in eighteen days. The New York banks also are low in funds, and New York operators have been large borrowers in Boston at high rates of interest. The immediate causes of the present stringency in New York are, partly, that the foreign bill-drawers have ceased to loan their credit in the form of sterling bills drawn against no legitimate shipment of products, having been deterred from further expansion in this manner by the low price of sterling exchange, which has been brought about by their own expansion of credits. It will be remembered that Secretary Boutwell loaned $5,000,000 of Government money to several of the New York banks last fall, and had been gradually withdrawing this loan up to the time he retired from office. These are in part the immediate causes of the pressure in New York at present, but the underlying necessity for the resort to the above-mentioned means of relief was the vast amount of securities, and especially of bonds of new railroads, which railroad operators in that city have been carrying for the last four months. In November and December of last year, when money was stringent in London, the American negotiators of these bonds looked forward hopefully to being able to sell their securities in Europe as soon as the stringency in London should relax. But now, though money has become abundant in Europe, and rates of interest have declined largely, the European capitalists do not take the new railroad securities offered by American operators with anything like the freedom that was expected, and, consequently, New York still feels the pressure of this load, while money has become comparatively easy in every other market, except Boston, where the borrowing of the New York operators, together with the losses by the Boston and Chicago fires had already diminished the supply of available capital. A question naturally suggests itself as to how New York is to relieve herself of this heavy load of securities if Europe does not take them. Capitalists in New York are not likely so carry them for a permanent investment, they want ready money, and, sooner or later, will be obliged to sell for what they can get.

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seems to be doing but little in the negotiation of the new 5 per cents. They meet with some indifference on the part of European capitalists as the negotiators of American railroad bonds. Then it is difficult to keep up the price of the new 5 per cents which are now worth less than 96 in gold, for a price at which they can make no legitimate transactions in the exchange of 5 per cents for 5-20s. It has been given out that they were waiting until the question of who was to succeed Mr. Boutwell had been settled before they made any new attempt. This having been settled, it is now rumored in Washington that Secretary Richardson will make a call for $50,000,000 of 5-20s of 1862 on the 1st of April. The present condition of the Treasury balance is such that the Treasury would have to depend entirely upon the Syndicate for the money to redeem these bonds if they are called, and, in doing so technically, the Syndicate are evidently doing so little that they can not be of much assistance, unless the $15,500,000 of money to be received for the Alabama claims should be invested in the new 5 per cents, as the new 5 per cents are presumed to be all sold to the Syndicate, or whom the Government would have to buy them.

THE BANKRUPT LAMAR INSURANCE COMPANY.

The following circular explains itself, and will be of interest to thousands of holders of the company's policies:

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 18, 1873.

To the Stockholders of the Lamar Insurance Company:

In May, 1871, at a regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lamar Insurance Company, an examination into its condition was found to be such as to warrant an investigation. A committee of five was appointed to take charge of the affairs of the Company, with full power to assess a percentage upon the stock sufficient to meet the requirements of the law, and continue business, or to collect the assets, reinsure the outstanding risks, and close up the business of the Company.

The undersigned was a member of that Committee of Five. The result of a thorough investigation on his part was verbally reported to the stockholders at a subsequent meeting, held at the Tremont House, in Chicago, July, 1871, so parties interested whenever and wherever opportunity afforded, to the Insurance Commissioner, George M. Brinkerhoff, Esq., in detail from week to week; but not in writing, as this time it has been found proper to couch even in brief a written report of the results of this inquiry. Now, however, the exigencies of the case demand that some of the facts be made known, further loss stopped, and, if possible, the wrong, to a small degree, at least, repaired. I shall have but little to say of individuals in this brief report, and shall only suggest some of the gross evidences of fraud that were apparent to the investigating mind of this Committee, and equally clear to other members of this Committee, had they sought to apprise themselves of the true state of the case; but when they failed in this, I took occasion to show to them the facts as I found them, and thus leave them without excuse.

These items following, will be found to be familiar to many, but to others may not only be new but important in explaining the disastrous failure of an institution in which they had placed their confidence as well as their money.

REPORT.

Soon after the annual meeting in 1871, obedient to the orders of the stockholders, I proceeded to Chicago for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the Company to prevent any further loss at the hands of an institution that from the inception had been characterized by fraud and misrepresentation. This I held in theory only, from a cursory view of the situation, but which was fully confirmed by a careful, persistent (under difficulties) sifting of the affairs of the Company, besides this showing not only rottenness to the core, but by a system of false statements the officers diverted to other sources the thousands of dollars intended to make the Company solvent.

1. The cancelation of $550,000 stock held by Cushman and Hardin, and the $110,000 being the 20 per cent held thereon, reduced them, $55,000 of which was paid over within thirty days of annual meeting in May, 1871.

2. $70,000 assumed to have been furnished by Cushman and Hardin without increasing the liabilities of the Company in order to enable the President to comply with the law, a false entry to balance cash to enable them to do this, and a grossly false one when the money was taken from the safe (a Sweet alleges) after statement had been duly sworn to before Auditor, and the amount claimed as bona fide the property of the Company.

3. $4,940 included in statement to Auditor as personal obligation of I. N. Hardin, Vice-President, and sworn to as part of assets afterwards carried to salary account, and thus to profit and loss.

4. $10,558 item in statement as part of assets, liability of Sweet; sworn to, but afterwards placed to account of salary, and thus to profit and loss.

5. $1,000 paid to I. N. Hardin, Vice-President, and fifty shares of stock canceled.

In item 1, C. and H. relieved of liability under stock subscription of $550,000, and in this cancelation stockholders lose..... $110,000.00

In item 3, the statement of Sweet sworn to is false, or C. and H. now have in their hands assets of Company amounting to..... 70,000.00

Item 3, I. N. Hardin, Vice-President owes Company now (borrowed money)..... 4,940.00

Item 4, Leonard Sweet owes the Company now (borrowed money)..... 10,558.00

Item 5, I. N. Hardin, Vice-President, owes Company now, being the 20 per cent paid on stock..... 1,000.00

Amount of assets of the Company that a Court of Equity will order stockholders to use for benefit of the stockholders in canceling present obligations..... $196,498.00

A reinsurance of all the outstanding risks of the Lamar Insurance Company, of Peoria, Ill., of California, for which about $57,000 was paid. At this time the sum of about $92,000 was placed in the hands of Van H. Higgins, of Chicago, in securities, deeds of trust, notes, etc., for conversion into cash, of which $57,000 has been paid, leaving a balance still in hands of Van H. Higgins..... 35,000.00

Moneys still due and can doubtless be collected from various parties in due time, say to the amount at least of..... 25,000.00

Available assets, total..... $256,498.00

Many other points could be adduced to show that no assets belonging to the Company, and available beyond a doubt, are sufficient to meet every outstanding obligation without resort to further operating, men who have already lost hundreds of thousands of dollars by a management that, to say the least, was grossly inefficient, but this, at present, is not my purpose. These facts have been known to many for two years, and yet have never until this time elicited but little notice, but now, when judgments to the amount of $125,000 are had against the Lamar Insurance Company, and the fact that many men, as well as women, who are unable to meet any further loss are liable to be prosecuted for at least 15 per cent of the stock held by them, and sorely pressed in many cases, I feel it to be a duty I owe the many persons interested to set forth these few facts, and I have the honor to submit in brief this report. EDWIN A. WILSON.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Hunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
5-20s of '62	115½	116
5-20s of '64	116	116½
5-20s of '65	116½	116¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114¾	115
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	116¼	116½
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	116¼	116½
10-40s	110¼	113¼
U. S. 5s (New Issue)	112¾	113¼
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100	& int.
Chicago City 7s	99¼	& int.
Cook County 7s	99¾	& int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	92	@94
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	108	@ 108¼
Gold Exchange		115¼
Gold and Gold Coupons	115	

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Tuesday, March 18:

CITY PROPERTY.

Western av, s e cor of Bremen place, Lots 1 and 2, dated March 11; consideration, $950.

Hastings st, bet. Centre and Blue Island avs, s f, Lot 23, dated Feb. 22; consideration, $1,500.

Sedgwick st, bet Chicago av and White st, e f, 25x120 ft, dated Dec. 7, 1872; consideration, $2,900.

Michigan av, bet Lake and Randolph sts, w f, Lots 4 to 6, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $75,000. S. D. & G. M. Kimbark to Elbridge G. Hall.

Canal st, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, w f, s ½ of Canal st, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, w f, s ½ of n ½ Block 69; also w 20 ft of Sub-Lot 3 of Lot 1, same block, and n ½ of s ½ of same block, dated Feb. 17; consideration, $122,500. Haines H. Magie to Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne Railroad Company.

Langley st, bet Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth sts, w f, 32x230 ft, dated June 9; consideration, $3,600.

Lot 10, in Block 2 of Block 19, of e ½ Sec 31, 39, 14, dated March 8; consideration, $500.

Halsted st, n w cor of Willow st, e f, 100x195 ft, dated Feb. 24; consideration, $6,000.

Lot 6, in Block 16, Elston's Addition, dated Aug. 1, 1872; consideration, $900.

Same, with improvements, dated March 26, 1872; consideration, $2,650.

Ogden av, n e of and near Taylor st, n w f, Lot 32, dated March 18; consideration, $1,450.

Lots 77 to 79, in Roach's Block 27, Sheffield's Addition, dated Sept. 19, 1871; consideration, $1,000.

Ambrose st, 150 ft w of Hoyne st, s f, 150x124 ft, dated March 1; consideration, $4,000.

Ambrose st, n w cor of Hoyne st, s f, 150x124 ft, dated March 1; consideration, $4,200.

Wabash av, n e cor Twenty-ninth st, w f, undivided ¼ of 131¼x194 3-10 ft, dated March 11; consideration, $35,000.

Undivided ¼ of same property, dated Feb. 17; consideration, $35,000.

Mitchell st, 75 ft w of Laflin st, n f, 25x124 ft, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $1,100.

Second st, 240 ft e of Noble st, n f, 24x60 ft, dated Jan. 27; consideration, $1,650.

Bismarck court, 240 ft e of Noble st, n f, 24x60 ft, dated Jan. 30; consideration, $700.

Nora av, 225 ft n of Hirsch st, w f, 25x126 ft, dated March 8; consideration, $450.

Polk st, bet Rockwell and Campbell av, n f, Lot 7, dated March 18; consideration, $700.

Hamilton av, s of and near Ellen st, e f, Lot 6, dated Feb. 20; consideration, $625.

Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Sub-block 5 of Block 5, Sheffield's Addition, dated March 17; consideration, $2,200.

Archer av, n e of and near Lock st, n w f, 22 8-10x100 ft, dated March 14; consideration, $1,300.

A st, w of and near Tucker st, n f, Lot 3, dated March 11; consideration, $650.

Milwaukee av, near Indiana st, s w f, 21½ ft, dated March 11; consideration, $5,500.

Second st, e of Noble st, n f, 24x110 ft, dated March 3; consideration, $1,700.

Butterfield st, bet Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth sts, w f, 24 ft to alley, dated March 15; consideration, $700.

Lots 36 and 37, in Crane's Block 2, United States Bank Addition, dated Feb. 19; consideration, $700.

Monroe st, near Kedzie av, s f, 49x103 ft, dated March 18; consideration, $2,570.

McGregor st, bet Buddan st and Stewart av, s f, 25 ft to alley, dated March 16; consideration, $1,200.

Lot 14, in Block 5 of Ward's Block 3, Sheffield's Addition, dated April 6, 1872; consideration, $600.

West Washington st, bet Peoria and Green sts, n f, Lot 3 and e 14 ft of Lot 4, dated March 12; consideration, $10,000.

West Chicago av, w r corner of Snell st, n f, Lot 1, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $1,500.

"A" st, w of and near Tucker st, n f, Lot 2, dated March 11; consideration, $650.

Bushnell st, between Buddan st and Stewart av, s f, 25 ft to alley, dated Feb. 6; consideration, $1,115.

Same as the above, dated March 15; consideration, $1,100.

West Monroe st, between Wood and Paulina sts, n f, Lot 13, dated Oct. 29, 1872; consideration, $3,375.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 15, in Block 32, Ravenswood, dated March 7; consideration, $1,250.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Thirty-ninth st, n f, 45x118 ft, with buildings, in Block 5, Cleaverville, dated Feb. 18; consideration, $7,500.

30 ft of Lot 4, in Block 1, of Saltonstall & Russell's Subdivision in s ½ of Sec 3, 38, 14, dated March 1; consideration, $1,950.

Lot 68, in Larned & Plumb's Subdivision in s e ¼ of Sec 9, 38, 14, dated March 8; consideration, $500.

Lots 17 and 18, in Block 6 of Frame s y of n w ¼ of Sec 12, 38, 13, dated March 1; consideration, $680.

North 50 ft of Lot 17, in Johnstons s ½ s e ¼ of n e ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Dec. 28, 1872; consideration, $2,500.

Lots 4 to 6, in Block 2 of McChesney's Subdivision, in n w ¼ of Sec 9, 38, 14, dated Feb. 15; consideration, $900.

Lot 7, in Block 5 of n 74 rods of n e ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated March 17; consideration, $800.

Lot 16, in Block 5, same, dated July 17, 1872; consideration, $700.

Lot 31, in Reids' Subdivision, in n w ¼ of Sec 9, 38, 14, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $500.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, EVENING, March 18.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	8,319	3,833	6,315	1,583
Wheat, bu	58,580	1,380	91,292	1,600
Corn, bu	70,600	21,340	34,216	14,903
Oats, bu	43,510	9,500	21,671	1,141
Rye, bu	1,704	388		
Barley, bu	10,704	2,500	14,396	9,536
Grass seed, lbs	21,350	159,982	206,673	122,700
Flax seed, lbs	7,000		23,490	
Broom corn, lbs	14,000	33,650	45,067	16,400
Curred meats, lbs	132,800	47,420	1944,750	360,530
Beef, brls	60		40	60
Pork, brls	46	524	557	316
Lard, lbs	91,500	169,570	26,278	260,803
Tallow, lbs	33,850	47,820	68,200	
Butter, lbs	41,253	41,045		6,080
Dressed hogs, No	100	504	36	229
Live hogs, No	5,377	6,314	5,818	5,908
Cattle, No	3,686	4,270	2,288	2,038
Sheep, No	272	1,685		1,524
Hides, lbs	37,650	88,230	45,740	84,269
Highwines, brls	200	318	231	246
Wool, lbs	74,000	10,346	10,660	6,620
Potatoes, bu	5,283	3,640		
Lumber, M feet	619	1,200	1,462	712
Shingles, M	1,580	825	1,149	1,063
Lath, M	240	6	56	48
Salt, brls	2,200	1,020	1,694	

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 5,544 bu wheat; 6,000 bu corn; 651 bu oats; 2,065 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 72 cars wheat; 136 cars corn; 9 cars oats; 4 cars rye; 13 cars barley. Total, 234 cars, or 91,000 bu.

The leading produce markets were again weak to-day, though grain was moderately active, for the season. Receipts were not large, but our stocks are so heavy that about all the capital available for the purpose is locked up in carrying; and country operators are sending orders to sell for future delivery, which has much the same effect upon the market as more liberal receipts would have. The weather is fine, and promises to give a good planting time, which is auspicious of bountiful crops.

It has been said that it is scarcely possible for us to have a bounteous harvest this year (or, if this year, then not next), because past experience shows that there are never more than three good crops in succession, and we have had them. But, even if this is a rule to which there is no exception, it must be remembered that the rule only applies to particular localities, and that the cultivation of the cereals is carried on over such a wide area of territory that it is next to impossible for all to fail at once. And every year widens this area of cultivation, lessening the chances of failure in the world's food supply, though not the possibility of failure in any particular section. The crops of California are already so abundant that it seems as if the farmers there had learned how to turn their fields up on edge, and plant both sides; and indeed the supply from that region is so great in the European markets as to make a serious difference in the prices of what we have heretofore been accustomed to call "Western" produce. It is probable that this fact alone will ere long cause a revolution in our farm industries, by making it necessary to raise stock much more largely than now, and export much less grain.

There was a good business doing in the grocery market at substantially yesterday's prices, there being no quotable change in the value of any article in the list. Coffees were weak, and had something of a downward tendency; but aside from this the feeling evinced was one of firmness. Pepper and nutmegs are speculatively active in New York, and have recently advanced, but here no change has as yet taken place. Syrups and saleratus are strong. Teas were more quiet. The dry goods market presented no new features of special interest. The demand continues steadily good, and all staple and seasonable fabrics were held with undiminished firmness. In the canned goods market fair activity was noticeable, interior dealers as well as local retailers ordering freely at the quoted prices. Corn, succotash, tomatoes, and oysters are upward in their tendency. Butter was without quotable change, though low grades were decidedly weak, and must further decline. Choice qualities are still in light supply and command very full prices. No change took place in the cheese market. The demand is fair for the season, and dealers are realizing full prices for anything that is merchantable. Coal was quiet at former quotations. The dried fruit market presented no new features. Domestics remain quiet and easy, while foreign assortments are in good request, and are strong. Fish were unchanged. Hay was dull at the decline noted yesterday. Hides were fairly active and firmer. No change was reported in the leather, pig iron, and rag markets. Oils were in good request, with no change in prices, save for turpentine, which was again lower.

Trade at the lumber-yards continues moderately active, the quoted prices being generally adhered to. The demand for building materials is gradually increasing. Common brick is quite firm at $10.00 per m. Prices for Milwaukee and Racine pressed brick are reduced. Otherwise there was no change in quotations. The market for metals, iron, nails, etc. were fairly active and firm. Wool, hops, and broomcorn were unchanged; the former remains dull and unsettled, while trade in hops and broomcorn is restricted to the urgent needs of brewers and manufacturers. Hops are a shade easier, but without quotable change. Furs are coming in with more freedom, and a fair spring trade is anticipated. Muskrat and lynx have advanced, owing to the advance at the recent sales in London, while raccoon and skunk are lower. Seeds were in liberal supply and moderate request. Prices were weak, at $2.65@3.25 for timothy, and $4.70 @5.00 for clover. Other seeds were steady. Potatoes continue to arrive freely, and meet with a moderate inquiry at reduced prices. Green fruits were unchanged. Eggs were plenty and weak at 17@18c. Poultry was in request. Choice stocks bring full prices, but ordinary is a trifle easier. We note a decline in coarse and fine salt, now quoted at $2.25. Other grades are unchanged.

Lake freights were rather more active, and steady at the rate ruling for several days past, though the market has been alternately quoted up or down, as the quotation was made by the shippers or the vessel-owners. Corn to Buffalo was taken at 13c by sail, and wheat to do was nominal at 14c. Wheat was taken to Ogdensburg from Milwaukee to Buffalo. Through freights are 55c per 100 lbs to New York, and 60c to Boston. A total of four charters was reported from this city, which will take out 84,000 bu corn.

Highwines were quiet and steady at the recent advance. Sales were reported of 150 brls at 87c per gallon. The market closed strong at 87c, in sympathy with the latest New York advices.

Provisions were less active, and irregular. Mess Pork was weak and declined 25c per brl, though it was reported strong in New York, and effectively here on account of that fact. But it was evident that the speculative movement noted for a few days past had exhausted itself for awhile. The parties who had confidence in the article loaded themselves up with all they care to carry, and there are almost no buyers for the few lots left on the market. Prices were helped down by a reported decline in live hogs at the Stock Yards; but that fact had no effect on lard, which was 5c per 100 lbs higher in the early part of the session, under a fair demand and light offerings; but receded to yesterday's figures at the close. Meats were quiet, and a shade easier, shoulders being ½c off. Sweet pickled hams were stronger. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash and seller March, $14.37½@14.40; do seller April, $14.50@14.55; do seller May, $14.75@14.80; do seller June, $14.95 @15.00; do seller July, $15.25@15.30; prime mess, $13.00; extra prime, $10.00@10.25. Lard, cash or seller March, $7.80@7.85; do seller April, $7.85@7.90; do seller May, $8.05@8.07½. Sweet pickled hams quoted May, 10½@10¾c for 18-lbs; 11@11¼c for 17-lbs; 11¾@12c for 16-lbs; 12@12½c for 15-lbs; and 12½@12¾c for 14-lb averages. Dry salted meats quotable at 5c for shoulders; 6¾@7c for long clear; 7¼@7½c for short ribs; and 7¾@7¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 5¼c. English meats, 7½@7¾c for Cumberlands; 7½@7¾c for short; 7½@8c @7¾c for short clear; 12¾@13¼c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 6¾c for shoulders, 8¼c for clear ribs, 8½c for short clear, and 13@ 14c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $9.00@ 9.50; extra mess do, $10.00@10.50; beef hams, $23.50@29.50. City tallow, 7½@7¾c; grease quoted at 5½@6¾c. Sales were reported of 500 brls mess pork seller April at $14.60; 1,500 brls do at $14.50; 100 brls do seller May at $15.00; 1,000 brls do at $14.90; 1,250 brls do seller June at $15.00; 250 tes lard at $8.90; 500 tes do seller May at $8.10; 400 tes do at $8.05; 100 tes sweet pickled hams (17 lbs) at 11¼c; 200 brls beef hams at $29.50; 100,000 lbs clear rib bacon at 8¼c packed.

Flour was dull and easier, though quoted stronger in New York. The continued weakness in wheat caused many holders of flour to be willing to concede to the extent of 12½c per brl in the early part of the season; but they generally demanded previous prices a few days later, and left. The buying was principally done by local dealers. Bran was scarce and higher. Sales were reported of 40 brls white winter extras at $9.80; 300 brls do on private terms; 100 brls spring extras (Gold Medal) at $6.40; 25 brls do at $6.25; 200 brls do on private terms; 1,100 brls spring superfine at $4.40; 200 brls rye on private terms; 100 brls corn meal at $2.10. Total, 890 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $11.00 on track. The following was the closing range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 8.00 @10.50
Red winter extras	7.00 @ 8.50
Good to choice spring extras	6.50 @ 7.00
Low to medium do	5.00 @ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.50 @ 8.00
Spring superfines	3.50 @ 5.00
Rye flour	4.00 @ 5.00
Bran	11.00 @11.50
Middlings	11.00 @15.00

Wheat was rather more active than yesterday, but 1@1½c lower, and weak during the great part of the session. Liverpool was early reported lower, especially on California varieties, which are in very large supply, and arriving in great volume. This caused a further break here, holders becomimg quite weak. The short interest took advantage of the situation to fill in freely, and again put out fresh lines at every little rise due to their liberal purchases. Receipts are not large, and many operators are wondering that there are not increased volume, as all agree that there is plenty behind up waiting to come in, and country holders would seem to have much less hope of an advance than they usually manifest. Seller April opened at $1.20, declined to $1.19¾, advanced to $1.19½, fell to $1.19, and closed firmer at $1.19¾. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, sold at $1.18¾@1.19¼c, closing at $1.19. Strictly fresh receipts commanded a premium of ¼c over regular. Seller May sold at $1.23@1.24, closing at $1.23¾. No. 1 spring was more plenty, and 3c lower, at $1.25. No. 3 spring closed firm at $1.06½ for regular, and $1.08¾ for fresh receipts. Rejected do was quiet at 91@92c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.25; 2,000 bu No. 2 spring (hard) at $1.20; 1,200 bu do at $1.19¾; 2,400 bu do at $1.19¼; 2,400 bu do at $1.19½; 25,800 bu do at $1.19; 10,000 bu do at $1.18¾; 25,000 bu do at $1.18¾; 4,800 bu No. 3 spring at $1.08½; 6,400 bu do at $1.08¾; 1,600 bu do (fresh) at $1.08; 7,400 bu do at $1.06½; 1,200 bu do at $1.06¼; 400 bu rejected spring at $1.02; 1,200 bu do at 91¾c; 1,600 bu do at 91c. Total, 93,800 bu.

Corn was much less active, and again ½@¾c lower, though the offerings were far from being as liberal as yesterday, and the receipts were not heavy. But there was only a very light demand. We noted yesterday, the offerings from the country for delivery in summer options caused the capitalists to withdraw, and with them went the demand for cash corn to carry against the options sold to speculative longs. When cash offerings became a drug, there was no one who wanted to buy for future, and thus the demand was left to the short interest, a few of whom filled in on all classes of options. There was no inquiry for shipment, except for a few small parcels of rejected, as the parties who took hold a few days ago to load vessels now are all filled up, and others hold back, there being a wide-spread impression that lake freights will decline materially after the departure of the first fleet, if not earlier. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 31¾@31¾c, and strictly fresh receipts at 32½@33c. Seller April sold at 31¾@31¾c; seller May at 33¾@35¾c; seller June at 37@37½, and seller July at 38¼c, all closing with the inside sparingly bid. Cash sales were reported of 56,000 bu No. 2, gilt-edged receipts, at 33c; 5,400 bu do at 32½c; 5,300 bu do at 32¾c; 8,800 bu do at 32¼c; 25,000 bu regular at 31¾c; 5,000 bu do at 31½c; 6,000 bu rejected at 32c; 400 bu shelled at 32½c, on track. Total, 61,000 bu.

Oats were rather more active, but again weak, declining ½@¾c per bu under liberal offerings by parties who wanted to force a decline, and offered lots so large that they were not likely to be accepted. Hence the market weakened, in spite of a reported good demand in New York. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 26@26½c; strictly fresh receipts do at 26¾@26¾c, according to date; seller April at 26¾@26¾c; seller May at 29¼@29½c; and seller June at 30¾@30½c, all closing at the inside. Cash sales were reported of 600 bu No. 2 at 26¾c; 2,400 bu do at 26½c; 600 bu do at 26¾c; 10,000 bu do at 26½c; 5,000 bu do at 26c; 600 bu do rejected at 23½c; 1,200 bu by sample (mixed) at 29c. Total, 20,400 bu.

Rye was dull and nominally easier at 64c for regular No. 2; 65c for fresh receipts of do; and 65½c for seller April. Cash sales were limited to 400 bu by sample at 66c.

Barley was less active but strong, advancing 2 @3c per bu, being scarce here (in offerings) while reported stronger in New York. The market for No. 2 regular, or seller April, ranged from 72@74c, principally at 73c, which was the closing figure. No. 3 was also firm at 59@60c in North Side houses, and rejected was dull. Car lots in preferred houses were salable at 2c premium on the above quotations. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2 (Central), at 75c; 400 bu do (City), at 74c; 5,000 bu do at 73c; 2,000 bu No. 3 (Central, City, and D. & S. Ds.), at 62c; 800 bu do (Central), at 61¼c; 400 bu do (N. S.), at 60c; 400 bu do (N. S.), at 59c; 400 bu rejected at 40c; 3,200 bu do at 39c; 400 bu do at 37c; 400 bu by sample at 75c; 400 bu do at 45c, both on track; 400 bu do at 50c, delivered. Total, 15,000 bu.

The following are the footings of the official report of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

	March 15, 1873.	*March 8, 1873.*	*March 16, 1872.*
WHEAT.			
No. 1 amber			1,230
No. 2 amber		317	
No. 1 red		302	200
No. 2 red			1,850
No. 3 winter			4,000
No. 1 spring	7,621	7,913	22,706
No. 2 spring	1,685,949	1,640,522	1,395,519
No. 3 spring	583,283	538,670	69,720
No. 1 hard spring	2,043	2,333	7,479
No. 2 hard spring	55,677	36,504	17,357
Rejected spring	77,846	76,437	28,895
No grade spring	39	39	1,369
Total	2,412,460	2,303,687	1,570,361
CORN.			
Yellow	49,078	48,390	43,182
No. 1	177,240	148,427	77,397
No. 2	5,259,958	5,102,173	5,077,710
Rejected	424,062	441,677	179,427
No 2 kiln dried		3,533	
Kiln dried	3,533		
No grade	361	361	1,839
New No. 2			
Total	5,914,232	5,744,561	5,319,555
OATS.			
No. 1	2,617	2,617	8,846
No. 2	1,638,845	1,544,512	915,490
Rejected	59,219	62,120	69,510
No grade		543	1,118
Total	1,700,681	1,609,792	994,962
RYE.			
No. 1	5,574	5,986	54,261
No. 2	299,724	291,778	226,707
Rejected	3,142	2,585	7,544
Total	304,441	300,299	288,512
BARLEY.			
No. 2	227,398	239,847	402,920
No. 3	76,119	73,149	61,601
Rejected	41,459	35,952	7,556
Total	342,176	348,948	478,880

Total, 10,307,287 bu; besides 329,061 bu corn afloat. This gives an increase during the past week of 108,773 bu wheat; 169,671 bu corn; 90,889 bu oats; 4,142 bu rye, and a decrease of 6,772 bu barley. Total increase, 366,703 bu.

PRODUCE ITEMS.

The New York *Produce Exchange Weekly* gives the following as the foreign exports of provisions from New York for the week ending March 11, 1873, and the distribution of same:

To	*Pork Beef brls. pkgs.*	*Lard, lbs.*	*Bacon, lbs.*	*Cheese lbs.*
Liverpool	906 1,344	1,227,500	6,901,413	326,901
London	1,730 798	693,000	5,261,261	61,433
Glasgow	394 78	930,000	1,992,487	7,500
Havre	100	68,000	682,917	
Hamburg	50 100	673,611	468,850	
Bremen	100 40	95,676	231,770	
Rotterdam	53 301	326,088	682,917	
Stettin	35	2,548,499	1,335,717	
Coningsburg		178,336	192,132	
Antwerp		68,000	68,000	
West Indies	2,661 269	374,867	116,417	15,335
B. N. Col	20 98	7,500		
W. Indians	102 83	13,500	1,611	
Brazil	10 19	28,867		
Peru	35 31	625,387	3,140	5,474
Venezuela	5 7	68,368	2,240	
New Grenada	3 15	4,150	630	
China	46			
Total	5,900 3,026	7,373,884	19,726,434	420,643
Previous week	6,442 2,306	6,611,111	14,675,884	1,041,719
Week Feb. 25	6,666 3,055	8,585,872	14,468,553	411,774
Feb. 18, 1873	5,660 3,824	6,637,304	14,851,475	1,000,719
Week Feb. 11	5,159 4,678	6,435,111	16,316,701	682,917
Week Feb. 4	5,159 4,043	5,617,156	16,316,701	682,917
Week March 12, 1872	3,268 2,800	5,584,301	8,103,800	121,539

And butter, 97,735 lbs; stearine, 119,312 lbs; grease, 139,850 lbs.

And from Nov. 1 to March 11, inclusive, for four years:

	1872-73.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1869-70.
Pork, brls	60,370	58,903	57,525	29,817
Beef, brls	48,405	42,277	44,237	50,026
Lard, lbs	84,881,568	77,441,520	83,466,713	73,102,779
Bacon, lbs	151,268,898	102,790,347	99,960,496	17,966,223
Butter, lbs	1,425,744	1,878,994	1,463,838	678,055
Cheese, lbs	11,115,868	12,260,615	6,750,346	4,776,946
Tallow, lbs	17,990,690	21,778,850	7,676,063	10,623,521

The exports of the hog product from the principal exporting ports from Nov. 1, 1872, to March 11, 1873, from New York, and to March 8, 1873, from other ports, compared with the exports from all United States ports from Nov. 1, 1871, to March 8, 1872, give the following results. The number of barrels of pork is included, reckoned in 1872-3 at 200 lbs to the barrel:

	Nov. 1, to March 11.	*Nov. 1 to March 8.*
Meats, lbs	202,980,173	122,979,280
Lard, lbs	102,928,346	79,397,244
Total	305,908,519	202,376,524

The exports from New Orleans and Portland are not included, which will make the aggregate about 315,000,000 to 320,000,000 lbs from the six ports. The exports from four ports, including pork, bacon, and lard, were 26,603,880 lbs for the week, including 8,517,249 lbs lard, 1,511,800 lbs pork, and 16,574,781 lbs bacon.

The San Francisco *Commercial Herald* says:

The export trade in wheat continues uninterrupted, yet the usual pressure is not apparent. The number of ships loaded themselves up with all they care to carry, and there are almost no buyers for the few lots left on the market. Prices were helped down by a reported decline in live hogs at the Stock Yards; but that fact had no effect on lard, which was 5c per 100 lbs higher in the early part of the session, under a fair demand and light offerings; but receded to yesterday's figures at the close. Meats were quiet, and a shade easier, shoulders being ½c off. Sweet pickled hams were stronger. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash and seller March, $14.37½@14.40; do seller April, $14.50@14.55; do seller May, $14.75@14.80; do seller June, $14.95 @15.00; do seller July, $15.25@15.30; prime mess, $13.00; extra prime, $10.00@10.25. Lard, cash or seller March, $7.80@7.85; do seller April, $7.85@7.90; do seller May, $8.05@8.07½. Sweet pickled hams quoted May, 10½@10¾c for 18-lbs; 11@11¼c for 17-lbs; 11¾@12c for 16-lbs; 12@12½c for 15-lbs; and 12½@12¾c for 14-lb averages. Dry salted meats quotable at 5c for shoulders; 6¾@7c for long clear; 7¼@7½c for short ribs; and 7¾@7¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 5¼c. English meats, 7½@7¾c for Cumber

all, 31c; bar, 42c.
10½c; half casks, 10¼
stash, 9c.
ates.
45@48c; braziers, over 12

d 9, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12,
and 16, 14c; 17, 15c; 18,
bundle, 15 per cent dis-

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.....$ 17½@ 18
..... 16½@ 16¼
..... 20 @ 23
..... 20 @ 22
..... 16 @ 17
..... 5.00 @6.50
..... 6.00 @7.00
..... 5.50 @6.00
tine have been unsettled
ng a reduction of 3c4c,
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nd is now reported good
r are the prices current:
hard oil, 75c; No. 1,
raw, 95@97c; do boiled,
rm, $2.00@2.10; neat-foot
o extra, 95c; do No. 1,
Straits, 72@75c; elephant
; naphtha, 63 gravity, 21@
18c.
PUTTY—A more liberal
s of goods, and prices are

LEAD.
.....$ 12.00
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.....9.50@10.50@12.50
..... 3.50@ 3.75
..... 3.75@ 4.00
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..... 60.00
.....58.00@60.00
..... 57.00
.....57.00@58.00
rate request. Choice stock
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sales of 300 lbs turkeys at
50 lbs at 11c; 14 doz chick-
$3.50; 40 doz do at $3.00;

s continue large, and prices
r. Choice peachblows sold
to. The demand is modera-
choice peachblows at 50c;
rs do at 57c, all on track.
The supply continues to in-
hing easier, but as yet no

Price,	Price per window,
6x 8	$2.90
6x 8	2.90
6x 8	2.57
6x 8	3.00
6x10	3.25
O PANEL.	
6x 6	2.25
6x 6	2.50
6x 6	2.35
6x 8	2.60
BLINDS.	
Price.	Price per window.
x10	$1.75
x12	2.00
x14	2.00
x14	2.25
x15	2.55
SIZE.	

Size of Light. Price per window.
2x 3½ by 3x9½ 40c
2x 7 by 4x6 .....57c
2x 7 by 5x2 .....64c
2x10 by 5x2 .....67c
2x 7 by 5x2 .....64c
2x10 by 5x2 .....80c
Lower wire in large supply
ces were without quotable
nothy sold at $2.65@3.25
for prime. Clover ranged
at $5.35@5.40; timothy
ice; millet quotable at 60@
ice choice timothy at $3.25;
prime at $3.15; 140 bags do
bags at $4.00; 27 bags do
; 30 bags at 2c; 25 bags
at $2.65; 15 bags choice clo-
75; 73 bags at $1.70; 5 bags
ags do at $3.75; 150 bags

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o fair, 50@55c; do good,
ne, $1.00@1.20; common to
common imperial, 60@65c;
to fine 95 good gunpowder,
$1.20; extra, $1.30@1.45;
n, 90c@$1.00; fair to good
50c; colored natural leaf
fine Oolong, 35@45c; good,
@$1.00.
fair request, with little or
quote:
tra, 75@85c; choice, 65@
re, 60@50c.
80c; half bright, 60@70c;

; medium, 30@32c; com-

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; hickory, $14.00; slabs,

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irregular, but range about

.....85@86c	
.....77@78c	
.....45@47c	
.....51@53c	
.....51@52c	
.....42@46c	
.....40@44c	
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.....40@45c	
.....30@35c	
.....25@29c	
.....32@37c	
.....28@31c	
.....42@46c	
.....42@46c	

—Are in urgent demand.
nt:

Price per 100 lbs.	Price per yard.	Price per load of 2,000 lbs.	Grain in bulk.	Oats in bulk.	Corn in bulk.
$1.40	70	$1.40	70	80	
1.30	65	1.30	65	75	
1.20	60	1.20	60	70	
70	35	70	35	40	
1.20	60	1.20	60	70	
1.20	60	1.20	60	70	
1.38	68	1.38	68	78	
1.56		1.56			
.80	40	.80	40	45	
.90	45	.90	45	50	
.45	22½	.45	22½	27½	
.55	27½	.55	27½	32½	
.50	25	.50	25		
.80	40	.80	40	45	
.86	44	.86	44	47½	
1.36		1.59			
1.59		1.70			
1.70		1.85			
1.54		1.77			

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY J. F. NICHOLS & CO., 35 SOUTH Canal-st.

RESIDENCE PROPERTY.

MICHIGAN-AV.—7 choice residences between Sixteenth and Twenty-eighth-sts., at from $15,000 to $40,000.
INDIANA-AV.—6 brick and stone fronts between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-ninth-sts.; at from $13,000 to $16,500.
PRAIRIE-AV.—2 brick fronts near Twenty-sixth-st., at $14,000 and $16,000; and one fine residence with 100x 16 lots corner Twenty-sixth-st.
BURNSIDE-ST.—2-story frame, 11 rooms, lot 25x110 ft, north of Twenty-ninth-st.; $5,500.
BUTTERFIELD-ST.—2-story frame, 12 rooms, lot 42x100 ft, north of Twenty-ninth-st.; $5,500.
WEST MONROE-ST.—3 fine octagon fronts between Paulina and Wood-sts.
WEST MONROE-ST.—3 brick houses east of Paulina-st.
SOUTH MORGAN-ST.—6 marble fronts, Mansard roofs, six-story, near Monroe-st.
SOUTH MORGAN-ST.—1 brick house, just south of Monroe-st.
MARSHFIELD-ST.—2-story brick, furnished; $8, 50.
SOUTH PAULINA-ST.—Frame house 10 rooms, large lot; $7,000.
WEST JACKSON-ST.—Frame house, 8 rooms, east of Lincoln-st., $4,800.
WEST TYLER-ST.—2 frame houses, 10 and 11 rooms, near Centre-av., $5,500 and $6,750.
CENTRE-AV.—2 frame houses, 10 rooms; bargains at $7,000 and $8,000.
PARK-AV.—2 frame houses, one with large lot, at $4,200 and $7,000.
PARK-AV.—4 octagon fronts, 10 rooms, near Wood-st., at $18,500 each.
WASHINGTON-AV.—5 frame houses, between Ashland-av. and Leavitt-st., at $2,650 to $6,000.
WALNUT-ST.—3 frame houses, 10 rooms, near Oakley-st., $9,125, $4,500.
FULTON-ST.—2 frame houses, between Wood and Leavitt-sts., $4,500 to $12,000.

UNIMPROVED.

INDIANA-AV.—Southwest corner Twenty-third-st., 100x 175 feet.
BRYANT-AV.—Near Vincennes-av., 35x160; choice location.
ASHLAND-AV.—Between Henry and West Fourteenth-st., 4 lots, 25x125, $1,800.
ASHLAND-AV.—South of North-av., 4 lots, 25x125, at $1,000.
HENRY-ST.—Just east of Ashland-av., 8 lots, 25x125, at $1,000.
WARREN-AV.—Between Leavitt and Oakley, 180x124 feet.
PARK-AV.—Between Robey and Hoyne-st., 80x150, at $140.

FOR SALE—BY LINN & HAWKINSON, 59 NORTH Clark-st., northwest corner Michigan-st., Rooms 2 and 3.

NORTH SIDE IMPROVED PROPERTY.

One swell front brick house, north of Chicago-av. and east of Clark-st.
Two 3-story and basement brick, Indiana-st., near State.
One marble front, Fullerton-av., near Lincoln.
14-room brick house and corner lot; $5,750.
Three frame houses, barns and lot; $3,000; one-fourth cash.
Two-story and brick basement; lot 40x120; $6,000.
Three 2-story houses, and lot 25x150; $4,000.
Cottage and lot one block north of Division-st.; $1,500.
Basement cottage 10 rooms and lot, Superior, st.; $2,800.
Four business houses, Clark-st., south of Chicago-av.

UNIMPROVED NORTH SIDE PROPERTY.

120 beautiful grove lots 3 blocks north of Lincoln Park; $350 to $1,250; one-fourth cash.
75 lots west of Lincoln Park; $850 to $1,500.
Lots on North Dearborn-st.; $250 per foot.
Lots on North LaSalle-st.; $175 per foot.
Lots on North Clark-st. at $125 per foot.
Lots on Prairie-av. at $26 per foot.
100x154, in Wright's Grove, $65 per foot.
Lots on Wellington-av., near Lincoln, $60.
Lots on all streets in North Division.
Four dwellings to exchange for unimproved.
North Side our specialty.

LINN & HAWKINSON.

FOR SALE—BY HENRY P. GEORGE, REAL ESTATE Agent, 89 Clark-st.:
Fine stone-front dwelling, Wabash-av., near Thirty-first-st., first-class in every respect, very cheap, and on long time if desired.
Two-story frame, Michigan-av., near Thirty-second-st., with lot, partly on time, $8,500.
Cottage, Wabash-av., near Thirtieth-st.
Lot, Wabash-av., near Thirty-fifth-st., at a great bargain if taken at once.
60 feet, Wentworth-av., near boulevard, only $20 per foot, all cash.
Lot on Twenty-fifth-st., only $950, on time.

FOR SALE—GOOD LOTS, ON THE FOLLOWING streets: State, Burnside, Butterfield, Arnold, Garfield, Hanover, Butler, Wallace, Dearborn, Winter, Harrison, and Halsted; also on Wentworth, Shuttleff, Portland and Stewart-avs.; also on Alexander, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-ninth, Twenty-eighth, Napoleon, Twenty-ninth, Earl, Thirtieth, Haven, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Emerald, and Thirty-eighth-sts. Title perfect. Warranty deeds. A very small payment down, 1 year time, 6 per cent interest. No Agency business. Apply to owner, ALBERT CRANE, 872 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—MARBLE-FRONT HOUSE ON MICHIgan-av., near Twenty-fifth-st., and brick barn; price, $16,000.
Brick house, Calumet-av., near Twenty-third-st.
Prairie-av., corner Forty-first-st., brick house with 50-ft lot.
Lot on Twenty-sixth-st., $1,250; very cheap.
Lots northwest Milwaukee-av., near new depot, $300 to $400.
40 acres adjoining South Lynn, all ready for subdivision; well located to retail. $4,000.
164 LaSalle-st., basement.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT EAST OF STATEst., near Twenty-ninth, $8,500.
Two houses, Calumet-av., near Thirtieth-st.
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W. J. DAVIS, 146 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—99 FEET, CORNER OF WABASH-AV. and Thirty-seventh-st., southeast front.
18 lots fronting Boulevard, at Maplewood.
10 well selected lots in Hickerdike's Addition.
Choice lots at Washington Heights.
Will be sold in parcels or otherwise, on easy terms, at less than their market value. Apply to FERD. W. PECK, Room 4 North Clark-st.

FOR SALE—HOUSES AND LOTS—1041 PRAIRIEav., marble-front, very handsomely finished, fine barn; will be sold on easy terms.
Indiana-av., marble-front, north of Twenty-second-st., $19,000.
60 Rhodes-av., marble-front, carpets, gas fixtures, furnace, etc. $8,500.
Michigan-av., large brick, corner lot, 60 feet front. $30,000.
Prairie-av., No. 1029, brick. $10,000.
Thirtieth-st., No. 322, between Wabash and Michigan-avs., two-story frame, brick basement; all modern improvements, marble mantels, etc.; large lot. Price $9,000, on very easy terms.
We have a large list of desirable residence and business property, to which attention is invited.
FERD. W. PECK & CO., 58 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—BY BROWN & HORTON, SOME choice acre property of 5, 10, 20, and 40-acre tracts, situated west and northwest, much of it inside the city limits. BROWN & D. HORTON, 150 Dearborn-st., Rooms 6 and 7.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—ONE OF THE MOST desirable houses in the city, 2-story and basement brick, with all modern improvements. Brick barn with carriage house attached.
1308 Indiana-av., corner Twenty-ninth-st. Apply at the house before 9 a. m. or after 5 p. m., or at office, 4 Wabash-av. CHAS. T. GRAY.

FOR SALE—AT A GREAT BARGAIN. IN TERMS to suit, lots on Western-av., Lexington, Polk, Taylor, and Campbell-av. Inquire of GEORGE CADWELL, on the premises.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—ON LONG TIME, OR WILL exchange for good city property—The premises No. 59 Union Park-place, consisting of a good marble-front house, containing all modern improvements, brick barn with carriage house attached. Also, a good brick house, containing 8 rooms, and all modern improvements, with large lot, 60x130 feet to alley; good barn. W. D. KERFOOT & CO., 90 East Washington-st.

FOR SALE—$400 TO $500, EASY TERMS. LOTS in this city, less than 3 miles from court-house. We take you to them in 20 minutes. We will give, for the next 30 days, the very best bargains to be found inside the old city limits. A. G. STORY & SON, southeast corner Clark and Madison-sts., Room 8.

FOR SALE—HOUSES AND LOTS ON STANTONav., Cottage Grove, 7 rooms, price, $8,300. $300 to $500 cash, balance in monthly payments, if desired; convenient to horse-cars and Hyde Park train. Inquire of owner, at 125 Vincennes-av., or at 562 Wabash-av. U. F. SMITH.

FOR SALE—6-ROOM COTTAGES, WITH LARGE lots (43x125) in good locality on South Side, near Boulevard, at from $1,800 to $2,500; only $300 to $500 down, balance to suit purchaser. Will build to order to suit purchaser's views on same terms. J. F. NICHOLS & CO., 35 South Canal-st.

FOR SALE—2-STORY, WITH BRICK BASEMENT, 10 ten rooms, two cisterns, bath-room and water closets, hot and cold water, furnace and range, mantels, and gas; lot 25x165 feet, to a 40-foot alley. 408 West Jackson-st. Inquire of owner, ELIJAH SMITH, No. 1 Tribune Building.

FOR SALE—VERY CHEAP, SEVERAL FINE RESIdences, on easy terms; prices from $6,000 to $20,000. Must be sold. BARKER & WAIT, 150 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—ONE TWO-STORY AND BASEMENT brick house, corner of Archer-av. and Sanger-st. Rents for $140 per month. Price, $13,000. Inquire of M. O'NEILL, owner, 63 McGregor-st.

FOR SALE—48 FEET ON MICHIGAN-AV., ABOUT 50 feet north of Monroe-st. Terms to suit; must be sold. Apply to ELIJAH SMITH, Trustee, Room 1, southwest corner State and Madison-sts.

FOR SALE—TWO LOTS, EAST FRONT, ON WABash-av., just 50 feet south of Thirty-second-st.; will be sold for $200 per front foot, if taken within two weeks. Address U 74, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—30x80 FEET ON FRANKLIN-ST., BEtween Lake and Randolph, corner of the alley. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY BASEMENT BRICK house, 10 rooms, modern improvements, and lot, south front, 100 Warren-av., near Union Park, very easy terms. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—40x80 FEET NORTH CLARK-ST., near Ohio. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—NICE brick house and lot on easy terms and in good condition; price that will sell it. HESS, WHITNEY & CO., 146 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—ONE AND A HALF STORY FRAME cottage, situated on Thirty-second-st. just east of Wallace-st; water on the premises and can be had for 2 years time and monthly payments. Apply to FRED P. FISHER, 148 LaSalle-st. basement.

FOR SALE—VERY MUCH BELOW MARKET price—Calumet-av., near Twenty-ninth-st. 80x80, at only $135 per foot; terms easy. J. HENRY WEIL, 150 Dearborn-st., Room 5, Fuller's Building.

FOR SALE—BY E. R. HORD & CO., 89 SOUTH Clark-st. A first-class brick residence, two-story and basement, on Michigan-av., near Fourteenth-st., with 80 feet of ground; this is one of the most comfortable and well-finished dwellings on the South Side, and is offered at a decided bargain.

FOR SALE — CHEAP AND GOOD ENOUGH houses for anybody!—No. 658 Wabash-av., two-story frame and brick basement, very cheap if taken at once.
No. 1315 Indiana-av., two-story and basement brick, cheap.
No. 1376 Indiana-av., two-story new frame house, only $6,500.
Nos. 344 and 346 South Park-av., two two-story frame houses, $10,000, or one for $5,000.
J. HENRY WEIL,
150 Dearborn-st., Room 5, Fuller's Building.

FOR SALE—TWO ACRES ON DIVERSEY-ST., IN Block 2, of Lill & Diveny's division, Section 29, 40, 14, well located for immediate subdivision. Will be sold cheap if disposed of this week. Apply to
Also Block 4 (5 acres), in same division, on reasonable terms.
Also lot at Lake View 100x200, on Halsted-st., near new Town Hall. This lot is high and dry and eligibly located for a residence.
Also lots on Wrightwood and Seminary-ave., within 3 blocks of horse-railway. PHELPS & BICHI,
126 Clark-st., Room 4.

FOR SALE—A LOT, 80X125, ON WASHINGTONst., between Robey and Hoyne-sts. BALDWIN, 98 West Lake-st.

FOR SALE—10 ACRES ON WEST MADISON-ST., near Central Park. J. S. GOULD, 119 Clark-st.

FOR SALE—NORTH STATE-ST.—83x100, BET. Erie and Ontario-sts., east front. J. MATTESON, 99 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—48 FEET ON WEST WASHINGTON-ST., east of Western-av., at a great bargain. MEAD & COE, 153 LaSalle-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY JACOB C. MAGILL—81 AND 83 South Clark-st.

SOUTH DIVISION—ELEGANT HOMES.

On Indiana-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On Prairie-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On Michigan-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On Wabash-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On South Park-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On Vincennes-av., cheap, and easy terms.
On Calumet-av., cheap, and easy terms.

HOUSES AND LOTS.

On Forest-av.
On Twenty-second-st.
On Twenty-third-st.
On Twenty-fourth-st.
On Twenty-fifth-st.
On Twenty-sixth-st.
On Forty-first-st.
On Forty-fifth-st.

NORTH DIVISION—HOUSES AND LOTS.

On LaSalle-st.
On Dearborn-st.
On Sedgwick-st.
On Wells-st.
On Orchard-st.
On Centre-st.
We have constant inquiry for good building lots on the North Side. Pass them in.

We have good houses and lots
On Aberdeen-st., houses and lots.
On West Adams-st., houses and lots.
On Centre-av., houses and lots.
On Carpenter-st., houses and lots.
On Loomis-st., houses and lots.
On Leavitt-st., houses and lots.
On West Lake-st., houses and lots.
On Morgan-st., houses and lots.
On Milwaukee-av., houses and lots.
On Park-av., houses and lots.
On West Washington-st., houses and lots.
On York-st., extra inducements. Monthly payments.
On Artesian-av., houses and lots.
On Hubbard-st., houses and lots.
On Clinton-st., houses and lots.

FOR SALE—BY F. C. VIERLING, REAL ESTATE AGENT, ROOM 18, 126 DEARBORN-ST.
CHOICE BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE PROPERTY.
106x172 feet on Michigan-av., near Monroe-st.
96 or 40 feet of the alley.
25x190 feet on Monroe-st., between State and Clark.
74x190 on same, near LaSalle-st.
Also, a fine improved place, centrally located, at $125,000; this is a great bargain.
80x125 feet on Warren-av., corner ing on Oakley-st.
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F. C. VIERLING.

FOR SALE—INDIANA-AV.—16-ROOM HOUSE, BEtween Sixteenth and Seventeenth-sts., a bargain.
$19,000—Indiana-av. 11 rooms, good barn.
$11,000—Prairie-av., 13 rooms, modern improvements.
$9,500—Calumet-av., good house, lot 50 ft. front.
$10,000—Calumet-av., 14 rooms, good barn, everything in perfect order, newly finished.
$9,000—Prairie-av., 10 rooms, brick, 2-stories and basement.
$8,000—Wabash-av., 10 rooms, lot 25x180.
$8,000—Seminary-av., 2-story and basement and mansard roof brick, with brick barn, lot 30 ft front.
$6,000—Prairie-av., 2-story and basement, 12 rooms.
$7,500—West Monroe-st., 14 rooms, lot 25 ft front.
$6,000—Hubbard-st., new 13-room house, monthly payments; $500 cash.
$6,000—Park-av., desirable place.
$6,000—Hubbard-st., 2-story brick, with good barn.
$5,500—Walnut-st., 12 rooms, easy terms.
$4,500—Hyde Park, 2-story and mansard roof, large lot, good barn.

FRANCIS W. COREY & CO.,
107 Clark-st., Methodist Church Block.

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL SOUTH SIDE RESidences and lots adjoining city limits, on and on Oakwood boulevard, between South Park boulevard and Vincennes-av. This property is high and attractive, and possesses every advantage for investment or residence purposes. Will sell in lots to suit purchasers, at low prices, and on extremely easy terms. Title unquestionable. This tract is the only property in the South and Washington Smith's Addition, and is immediately outside and adjoining both city and free limits. It needs only to be seen to be appreciated. Oakwood boulevard is 100 feet wide, and is to be completed and kept in order by the South Park Commissioners, and will, without question, add taxation upon the property (a very important consideration), worth at least $50 per foot to the lots facing the boulevard. On all lots unsold after the price will be advanced. This being the cheapest first-class residence property in market—the most convenient and attractive, besides being the only available localities. For particulars apply to MEAD & COE, 153 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—2 LOTS ON WARREN-AV.
1 lot on Warren-av., east of California-st.
Cheap lots on West Ohio, Ashley, Rebecca, and Sixteenth-sts.
40 feet on Fulton. A bargain.
MEAD & COE,
153 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—A NUMBER OF FRAME AND BRICK residences in South Division on the avenues and cross streets, varying in price from $7,500 to $25,000, and on easy terms. P. A. BROWN & D. HORTON, Real Estate Agents, 150 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A FRENCH PERFORATING MAchine, for manufacturing perforating patterns. Also, 10,000 choice designs and 500 boxes of impression powder for stamping; also receipts for making the same, and the good will of a large city and country trade. Will sell the entire business for $800. Reason for selling on account of sickness. Call at 68 West Madison-st., upstairs.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—ICE CREAM FREEZERS and packing-cans; also 1 bar counter and black walnut desk. Basement, 871 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—50 PIECES STUFFED BIRDS, FINE specimens. B. & O. 80 West Lake-st.

FOR SALE—EIGHT YOUNG SPANIEL DOGS, PURE blooded; also five setters of the best breed at 106 East Harrison-st.

FOR SALE—A GOOD SODA DRAFT; LOW. Inquire at 1158 State-st. drug store. B. H. LEAVENWORTH.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A STEAM CANAL boat; full capacity; stone deck; in complete running order, at a bargain. G. P. HAY, 209 Madison-st.

FOR SALE—THREE GOOD SAFES REMAINING, and for sale very cheap at 83 Fifth-av.

FOR SALE—SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS—A FEW field cases United States Surgical instruments, and a few volumes of Surgical Reports of GOVERNMENT GOODS DEPOT, 196 and 197 East Lake-st.

FOR SALE—LIGHT BRAHMA CHICKENS 1 AND 2 years old, for $3 a trio, or $1.50 a piece. Apply at 369 Cottage Grove-av.

FOR SALE—ONE DEDERICK'S EXTRA RAILroad portable hay press, new and in complete order. C. H. BECKWITH & CO.

SEWING MACHINES.

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES. General Office, 150 State-st., Branch Office, 972 Wabash-av. Persons having old Grover & Baker sewing machines are invited to call and have the same improvements, and hear something to their advantage.

SINGER OFFICE, 213 SOUTH HALSTED-ST., A. J. MELCHERT, Agent. Singer machines sold on easy payments rented. Office open evenings.

SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES—OFFICES OF NICHOLS & PEARSON, 144 South Halsted-st., and 124 North Clark-st., corner Ohio. Machines sold or rented on easy payments, and sewing given when required.

WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINES, the new improved sold or rented on easy monthly payments. BURNHAM & PLANNERY, City Agents, office, 288 West Madison-st.; will remove about April 15, 1873, to 155 State-st.

INFORMATION WANTED.

INFORMATION WANTED—OF HANNAH HERLILY I will be thankfully received by her sister Margaret, No. 66 North Halsted-st.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY E. I. CONFALD, 60 LASALLE-ST.:
Englewood—New house, large lot, and vacant lots.
Austin—Lots near depot; well build houses to order and on terms to suit, or will sell lots without cash payment to those who will build.
Central Park—Several acres acre property.
Lake Forest—Residences from $5,000 to $25,000; building sites from $300 to $1,500 per acre. Lake Forest is the most beautiful of Chicago suburbs; laid out by a landscape gardener in the style of a park, with seminary, seaboard, and public schools of a high grade; 20 miles of beautiful drives, unsurpassed for rambles, first-class hotels, offers unusual inducements to those seeking suburban homes.

FOR SALE—AT SOUTH EVANSTON, 3 LARGE brick dwellings, finished in excellent style and with all modern improvements, arranged for water and gas. These are now nearly completed and are extremely desirable for those who wish pure air and the comforts of a rural home. We have still a few desirable lots left which are very cheap, being convenient to the depot and the lake shore drive. WARREN, KERNEY & CO., 186 Dearborn-st., Honore Block.

FOR SALE—80 ACRES SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS; a profitable line of investment. J. H. KEELER, 145 Clark-st., corner Madison.

FOR SALE—ENGLEWOOD—FINE RESIDENCE on Michigan-av., in the grove, between Sixty-first and Sixty-second-sts. J. MATTESON, 99 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—20 ACRES IN THE CITY OF HIGHland Park, on lake shore, fenced and under cultivation, with a house and good orchard; good for subdivision; only $300 per acre if sold soon; terms easy. LARKIN & JENKS, southeast corner Clark and Madison-sts., Room 1.

FOR SALE—IN AUSTIN—THIRTEEN LOTS IN A block, on Division-st., near depot, cheap, if taken soon; north side of track, between White and Pine-sts. Also other first-class property there and in Norwood Park. WILSON, PRIEST & CO., 100 Clark-st., Room 3.

FOR SALE—ONE OF THE FINEST RESIDENCES in Norwood Park, 1 block from depot; house of 8 rooms, with good cellar and furnace, all complete; corner lot, 100x200; $5,500. R. M. POUCHER & CO., Room 13, Otis Block.

FOR SALE—IN WINNETKA—A HOUSE AND LOT of 9 rooms, $2,500; another for $2,250; another for $3,000; another for $10,000. R. M. SAYRES, Winnetka.

FOR SALE—BY H. J. ARNOLD, 194 SOUTH Clark-st.—12 acres at Washington Heights, at Morgan Park, at a decided bargain.
80x125 feet on Warren-av., corner Oakley-st.
80x125 feet on same, between Leavitt and Oakley-sts.
House and lot on Van Buren-st., between Throop and Loomis; at a great bargain if taken soon.
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FOR SALE—IN WINNETKA—A SPLENDID NEW house, 10 large fine rooms, well, cistern, barn, fruit and shade trees, lawn 2 acres, ground running to the lake shore. One of the most charming suburban residence in Cook County. Price low and terms to suit. Inquire of J. S. HAMILTON, 99 State-st., or R. M. GRAVE, Winnetka.

FOR SALE—ELEGANT COUNTRY SEAT—THE property known as "Glen Flora," at Waukegan, Ill., containing 23 acres, with first-class improvements, including large conservatory, fine stock of fruit, ice house, chicken house, large and convenient cattle barn, all in first-class order.
This property is situated one mile north of railroad depot, on the Bluff, with fine view of Lake Michigan, and is a beautiful suburban home, and offered at a bargain on favorable terms. For particulars apply to O. S. LINCOLN or C. D. PARKS, Waukegan.

FOR SALE—ELEGANT RESIDENCE AT OAKland, near lake and station; all modern improvements. House and grounds at Hyde Park, gas, &c., near depot; trees and shrubbery. An unequaled opportunity. Also, 5 stories and basement brick, at a bargain. ULRICH & BOND, 87 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP LOTS; SMALL PAYMENTS down, balance to suit purchasers; high ground, streets all made, near school, Artesian well, depot, park and boulevard. Horse-cars and omnibuses run regularly to this property; a good settlement. To those who build, no money down. Call at office (open evenings), and we will take you to see these lots. Also horses wanted; 133 West Madison-st. WISNER BROS.

FOR SALE—AT ENGLEWOOD—2 ACRES (WITH house and fruit trees) in Crocker's Subdivision, between Sixty-first-st. and Sixty-third, at a bargain for a few days; five minutes' walk from depot.
8 lots in same Subdivision.
2 lots, corner Pancher-av. and Sixty-second-st., for $1,000.
100 feet, east front, on Euclid-st., 1 block south of Normal School, for $1,800.
F. C. NICHOLS & CO., 35 South Canal-st.

FOR SALE—BY RATHBONE & CHIPMAN, 153 Monroe-st.:
5 acres, Sec. 22, just west of city limits.
10 acres on Paulina and Halsted-st., near Fifty-fifth.
80 acres at South Evanston.
80 acres at Washington Heights.

FOR SALE—LOT IN EVANSTON, 40X300 FEET, beautifully located on Ridge-st., east front; Hinsdale—Several of the most desirable lots in Hinsdale; also, beautiful cottage, without reserve, near depot; lots of half acre to three acres to suit. Inquire of owner, W. H. WELLS, Tribune Building.

FOR SALE—SPLENDID SUBURBAN PROPERTY, at Irving Park, 6 corners, 300 feet front each, 165 feet deep, on easy terms. Would take in part payment good house and lot in city, North Side preferred, or unimproved property on North Side, near by. Irving Park property is in Block 18, two blocks from depot, has abundant artesian well water; railroad fare 7 cents. Address OWNER, 28 East Randolph-st.

FOR SALE—AT NORWOOD PARK—LARGE LOTS, 50x165, on the high ground, convenient to depot, churches, and schools, for $250; only $50 cash down, and on long time at 6 per cent interest. J. F. NICHOLS & CO., 35 South Canal-st.

FOR SALE—AT OAK PARK, CHOICE VARIETY of residence lots, each 50x150, and very cheap, and property a specialty. A. T. HEMINGWAY, 45 Central Union Block, northwest corner Market and Madison-sts.

FOR SALE CHEAP, MY CHOICE HOME IN Wheaton, now at depot; 9 large rooms, cellar, good walls and cistern, large grounds 2½ acres, 100 bearing fruit trees, small fruits, large evergreens, and other shade and ornamental trees. GEO. F. KIMBALL, 45 West Washington-st., Room 5.

FOR SALE—AT OAK PARK, FINE RESIDENCE, one block and a half from depot; fruit and shrubbery on premises; trains will run every hour after May 1; will give possession April 1. Inquire of J. D. BEST, 211 South Water-st.

FOR SALE—OR RENT—AT HINSDALE, ON MOST favorable terms, farms, houses, and lots; houses from $1,500 to $10,000. Address or inquire at Hinsdale, or at 504 State-st. C. G. HALL.

FOR SALE—GOOD RESIDENCES AT EVANSTON, from $800 to $16,000; also, choice building lots, and acre property for subdivision, on easy terms. ALFRED L. SEWELL, 154 LaSalle-st., Chicago.

FOR SALE—AT EVANSTON, NORTH EVANSTON, and Glencoe, 18 houses and cottages, having from 5 to 10 room, at low figures. Terms, one-fifth cash, and balance monthly or yearly to suit. C. E. BROWNE, Grover's Block, near depot, Evanston.

FOR SALE—AT OAK PARK, 8 MILES WEST FROM R. Wells-st. depot, one acre of choice residence property. Also, choice site for business purposes. E. MARKS, 198 West Lake-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A NICE LITTLE FARM OF 50 ACRES near a railroad, in Cook County; will give a bargain. R. KENNEDY, 79 West Madison-st.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—HOUSE WORTH FROM $5,000 TO $25,000, in good location, for customers. ULRICH & BOND, 87 Dearborn-st.

WANTED—TO BUY HOUSE AND LOT, AND UNimproved lots in south part of city. Send cost of Wabash-av. Address S. W. CONGER, Union Stock Yards, stating lowest terms, number, and street.

WANTED—HOUSES AND LOTS IN ALL PARTS of the city, for customers. Will pay cash if price reasonable. Sales quick. F. C. VIERLING, Real Estate Agent, Room 18, 126 Dearborn-st.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CASH PAID FOR CAST-OFF CLOTHING AND miscellaneous goods of any kind, by sending a letter to I. GELDER, Loan Office, 284 State-st.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—THE PARTnership heretofore existing between Tilly and G. W. Osborn, as architects in this city, was dissolved Jan. 11, 1873. JOHN TULLY, Architect, 443 Calumet-av.

GROCERS, COMMISSION MEN, MANUFACTURers, and others wishing to extend their business, call on J. E. KIMBALL, Broker, 126 Dearborn-st. I have customers with capital to invest.

IMPORTANT TO STOVE MANUFACTURERS AND Agents—The model and specifications of a valuable improvement in base-burners, recently patented, is now on exhibition for examination and sale, at Rooms 42 and 44 of the Bryan Block, until January 1, 1874, without further notice. Sold at general depot 269 South Halsted-st. and sent by mail with full directions to any part of the United States and Canada, on receipt of price. Call or address by letter, M. LA RANSIEUR, 269 Halsted-st.

NEW INTELLIGENCE OFFICE—GOOD GIRLS in for private families; Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, and Germans; cooks, nurses, girls, general housework. The Intelligence Office of MRS. DUSKE'S, 80 Milwaukee-

MURDER.

The West Side the Scene of Another Tragedy.

An Innocent Young German Brutally Murdered.

His Life Taken for Protecting a Girl from Insult.

The Assassin Not Yet Apprehended.

Coroner's Inquest---Statements of the Murderer's Companions.

The hanging of George Driver seems to have had no "moral effect" upon the roughs of Chicago, for another brutal murder was committed by one of this class early yesterday morning. The saloon of Charles or Christian Hanson, No. 792 South Halsted street, near Canalport avenue, was the scene of the tragedy, the victim being Albert Goetze, and the assassin a youth known as "Tansey." The tippling-house mentioned was, until a week ago, kept by one Charles Heymeier, but he having been guilty of selling liquor to minors, the Mayor revoked his license, He was not disposed to give up his business, and entered into an agreement with Hanson, who assumed the proprietorship of the place, Heymeier acting as bar-keeper. The agreement is believed to be merely verbal, and was undoubtedly made to evade punishment, and secure another license. As stated, Hanson "rented" the saloon about a week ago, and, yielding to the entreaties of several friends, decided to celebrate his coming into possession

WITH A DANCE.

Monday night was fixed as the time, and at 8 o'clock in the evening the couples who were to take part began to arrive. No disturbance occurred during the evening, although a large quantity of beer was guzzled. Every one was good-natured, and bent on enjoying himself or herself while the party lasted. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, however, while the musicians were playing the last waltz, an unlooked-for occurrence took place, one of their number being killed, and the festivities suddenly terminated. There was no general fight, no loud talking or obscene language, the deed being so quietly done that no one in the room saw the assassin at work, or was aware that

A MAN HAD BEEN STABBED,

until they saw him fall on the floor and the blood spurt from his wound. Confusion followed, but it was not boisterous. The suddenness of the event nonplussed those present, and they did not recover from their stupor for a minute or two. Two brothers of the injured man then rushed to his assistance, but could do nothing for him. One of them lifted him in his arms and held him until he breathed his last breath. Not realizing that he was dead, the brother called "Albert, Albert." No response being given, tears came, and grief took the place of the jollity that had but a few moments before characterized the gathering. The fiance of the deceased

WEPT LIKE A CHILD,

and was inconsolable. Two persons who had gone for a physician presently returned with one, but his services were not needed. A policeman also came in, and, on inquiring of the barkeeper's wife, learned that several young men were standing at the bar near Goetze just before he fell to the floor. Obtaining

A DESCRIPTION OF THESE ROUGHS,

for such they were said to be, he started out for assistance to arrest them. Goetze was not dancing when stabbed, but standing near the street-door talking to his fiance, a young German girl named Sophia Lindemann. She wanted him to go home, but he desired to drink with his friends. It was hoped that the prisoners, imagining they were alone, would talk over the occurrence, as such persons always do, and reveal something which would establish the identity of the assassin. They conversed about getting a lawyer to defend them, an excellent one being obtainable, they said, for $50; and it agreed, as the officer asserts, to make up a story, and keep secret what they knew about the affray.

THE BODY OF GOETZE

remained in the saloon until noon, when it was removed to the house of his parents, No. 181 West Eighteenth street. Here a large crowd collected in the afternoon, and talked about the murder.

Coroner Stephens was notified of the occurrence at 10 o'clock in the morning, and reached the house where the body was lying about half-past 12 o'clock, having visited the saloon and examined the location of the bar and door, in order to explain anything which the jury might be unable to comprehend. The Deputy Coroner empaneled twelve men, while the County Physician was making a post *mortem* examination of the remains. The latter found an incised wound on the right side of the neck, the blade of the knife having severed the carioid artery and penetrated the windpipe. Death ensued almost instantaneously from hemorrhage.

THE COUNCIL OF INQUEST

was immediately receiving accessions, and when the jury were collected in the room to view the corpse, preparatory to hearing the testimony, fully 2,000 people were in the street and on the sidewalk. When the Coroner, jury, and reporters filed out of the house the multitude followed them to a saloon on the corner of Eighteenth and String streets, where the inquest was to be held, no other place being available. The five prisoners soon appeared, escorted by twelve policemen and 300 or 400 additional men, women, and children, who had followed them from the Twelfth Street Police Station. The prisoners were conducted to a small room adjoining the one in which the jury were, in order that they might be called out to be identified by the witnesses.

The testimony given is substantially related above, and need not be repeated. The statements of Aspel and Healey, made under oath, are subjoined, as they told who the murderer is:

TESTIMONY OF JAMES ASPEL.

James Aspel, sworn: Live at No. 822 South Halsted street; am 17 years old; was not at the saloon, but at home; heard some persons running on the sidewalk in front of my house, and went out and saw Healey. He had a cut in his head, and I took him into the house, and washed the blood off. Saw Sheridan and Nolan there also; was standing in the door, after Healey had been taken home, when they were arrested. was also taken by the officers. Heard the boys talking about having a row in the saloon, and they told me Healey was cut by one of his friends. While in the cell, they talked about the affray, and intimated who cut Healey and Goetze. The former, they said, was cut by mistake. The man who cut them was in my house at twenty minutes after 4 o'clock this [Tuesday] evening. His name is Tansey; do not know where he is now. While locked up, we talked about getting a lawyer, and some one said a good criminal lawyer could be got for $50; we did not agree to make up a story about it; I was up late because there was a party at our house on Monday night; my father keeps a saloon; the boys were in our place before the row; Healey told me a German cut him. The boys said one of them pushed up against a girl, and two or three men shoved him out, and then the row commenced. They did not tell me that a Dutchman was cut. Something was said about a beer-glass being thrown; did not see either of them have a knife; heard Tansey had one; my father told me about that; Tansey was cut in the arm himself. Sheridan told me Tansey cut Healey while trying to cut some one else—that he made a stroke at a Dutchman and hit Healey. We did not agree "to saw wood and keep quiet" at the inquest.

TESTIMONY OF LUKE HEALEY.

Luke Healey, sworn: Live at No. 18 Johns street; am 18 years old; was at the dance last night. We were at Aspel's place first, and then went on Halsted street. Tansey danced awhile and then left. I went out to the door, and Tansey cut me, the blood flowing all over me. I went over to Aspel's, and while a woman was washing my head Tansey came in. I asked him why he cut me, and he commenced crying and cursing, saying, "G—d d—n the luck, I didn't mean to cut you." He had the knife; it was a large pocket-knife; the blade stuck in my head, and I pulled it out. I shut the door when I left the saloon. No one was behind me. I first heard that there was a man cut in the saloon this morning. Could not say whether Tansey went out, or was put out. I did not see him go out. The dance was about over when I went down. Thought I intended to go home. I went there at 20 minutes past 3 o'clock. Saw Tansey and a man named Mike Markham there together. Did not see any boys standing at the bar when I left. Did not see Goetze there; I do not know him. I was stabbed before the fuss, if there was one. Do not know and did not hear who were engaged in it. Tansey came into Aspel's twenty minutes after I got there. Did not know anything about the fuss until this morning. Tansey did not tell me the blow I received was intended for somebody else. Saw Kearney at Aspel's. Did not see him at the dance; he did not say anything to me about the row. Did not see Nolan in the saloon. Saw him on the sidewalk after I was stabbed. Tansey and I went from Aspel's to the saloon. Nothing was thrown, that I know of. No one was struck by a beer-glass. Tansey was at the side of the door, outside, when he struck me; do not know why he did it; I gave him no cause. [Witness denied that he had said during his examination that Tansey, while crying, remarked "G—d—n the luck, I did not mean to cut you." He said simply, "G—d d—n the luck."] I drank four glasses of beer on Monday night—only one in that saloon. Did not see three men throw another on the table and strike him.

IDENTIFIED.

The witnesses identified Sheridan, Kearney, Nolan, and Healey as having been in the saloon, but saw none of them do anything wrong. Neither of them was the lad pushed into the street by Goetze.

The man Markham referred to by Healey is an important witness, and, as he could not be found yesterday, it was decided to adjourn until half-past 10 o'clock this morning.

A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD.

While the inquest was in progress, a fight occurred among the populace in the street, and a policeman was thrown from an elevated sidewalk into a ditch. The aggressor was an inebriated German, who knocked down a small boy. An officer seized him, and the man's wife caught hold of the policeman's coat tail and endeavored to pull him away from her husband. Several roughs jostled the officer, and tried to attract his attention and give the German an opportunity to mix with the crowd. Other policemen went to the rescue of their associate, and the roughs scattered after several had received a clubbing. The prisoner was lifted into an express wagon with difficulty, as he fought like a pugilist, and struck everybody within reach, and was driven away in triumph. The jury looked from the windows of their room, and became frightened, the menacing appearance of the crowd indicating, they thought, that a formidable riot was about to take place. After the cause of the disturbance had been removed, the people congregated around the saloon again, and looked in at the jurymen. One individual, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, and evidently anxious to annihilate some one, urged those in the vicinity to "go for the jury." They paid no attention to him, and he went away dissatisfied.

When the prisoners were taken back to the station, the crowd followed them, many saluting them, and calling them familiarly by name. The excitement from 12 until 5 o'clock was intense, but abated entirely by nightfall.

TANSEY,

whom Healey asserts is the murderer, was still at large last evening. He is said to be a very low rough, and to have been in custody several times for disorderly conduct. His arrest is only a question of time, as he is well known to nearly all the police, and cannot make his appearance on the street without being apprehended.

THE DECEASED

was 22 years of age, and drove a team. His reputation was good, and his death was apparently regretted by all who knew him.

O'TOOLE, THE BUTCHER.

Ed. O'Toole, the man who almost killed his wife, on Monday night, with a pitcher, was held yesterday morning, by Judge Scully, in $5,000 bail, to await the result of his wife's injuries. Mrs. O'Toole was removed to the residence of her husband's brother, No. 416 Hubbard street, yesterday afternoon. She was then in a comfortable condition, but, at an early hour this morning, was feverish and somewhat delirious.

O'Toole's friends represent that he is insane. They informed our reporter that he was an inmate of the Insane Asylum at Jacksonville two years. Since he left there he has been subject to frequent fits of insanity. At such times he is very violent. It would seem that the mental pics in murder cases has been again participated in this case, and pleaded before trial. The man may or may not be insane, but that he was drunk on Monday night, when he struck his wife, is well established.

JEWELRY THEFT.

Harry Floyd, at whose saloon the Tom Allen gang of robbers was captured, was, yesterday, arrested for stealing a quantity of jewelry from the house of Mr. J. C. Gutheris, on Indiana avenue, near Twenty-sixth street. His trial will come off this morning, before Justice Banyon.

Burning of the Woodenware Factory of the Two Rivers (Wis.) Manufacturing Company---Loss $60,000.

From the Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle (Extra), March 13.

The alarm of fire last night proved to be the woodenware factory of the Two Rivers Manufacturing Company. The first alarm was sounded at about half-past 9 o'clock, and in less than one hour the building was gone, and all its contents, was entirely consumed. Owing to the want of shipping facilities, the building was crowded with finished wares, awaiting the arrival of a boat, which, together with the building, machinery, a good share of the immense stock piled on the yard, and the contents of the dry house have been lioned up by the devouring element. The loss cannot fall short of $60,000, and will be severely felt by the whole county. We published a statement, a short time since, of the immense business during the last year of this one factory, showing but little short of $250,000. The Company has determined to rebuild at once.

Self-Surrender.

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—Lansbrough, the young man who shot his brother-in-law, Mike Lafly, last night, while the latter was threatening his wife, surrendered himself to the authorities, to-day, and was sent to jail without bail, as Lafly's condition is critical.

Ocean Steamship News.

LONDON, March 18.—The steamships Scandinavian, Great Western, Republic, City of Brooklyn, and Periere, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Arrived—The Baltic and Wisconsin, from Liverpool.

Cowhided.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 18.—Mrs. Wilder, the young wife of a Chicago capitalist, publicly horsewhipped Jno. White, proprietor of one of the principal hotels here, this afternoon, about 6 o'clock.

FOREIGN.

French Finances Reported in a Satisfactory Condition.

Additional Details of the Frauds on the Bank of England.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 18.—Three shabbily dressed men, believed to be Americans, were arrested in Cork, Ireland, this morning, while attempting to deposit $12,000 in a bank. They are supposed to be the parties who recently committed the frauds on the Bank of England.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The London *Telegraph* of the 5th inst has the following additional particulars of the frauds on the Bank of England:

So far as yet known the firms whose signatures were forged are the following: Messrs. Rothschild; Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.; Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co.; Messrs. J. H. Schroeder & Co.; Messrs. Suse & Sibeth; Messrs. B. W. Blydenstein; Messrs. J. & C. Imthurn; the German Bank of London; the London and Westminster Bank; the Union Bank and the Bank of Belgium and Holland. Of the proceeds realized about £50,000 were invested in United States bonds, all of which were purchased from Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co. The person who passed himself off as Warren's clerk was arrested in the office of the Continental Bank, on Saturday morning, the 1st inst., while on his way to Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., for a packet of bonds to the value of £20,000, the check for which had been duly paid by the Bank of England the previous days. Of course, the firm in question knew nothing of the bills, and the fraudulent nature of the transactions was then for the first time ascertained. The bonds which have been advertised are payable to bearer, and are those of which Warren himself has obtained possession.

FRANCE.

VERSAILLES, March 18.—The annual budget was presented to the National Assembly yesterday. It shows a most gratifying condition of the public funds. There is now in the Treasury half of the sum due to Germany, and no loan will be required to complete the payments of the war indemnity at the dates designated in the convention signed on Saturday last by Thiers and Count von Arnim.

PARIS, March 18.—The manager of the *Rappel* newspaper has been summoned to answer the charge of violating the laws regulating the press.

MEXICO.

MATAMORAS, March 18.—A recent order from the City of Mexico to the Collector of Customs here, prohibits importers sending foreign merchandise hence to other cities within the Zona Libra as heretofore, which in effect largely curtails the operations within the "free belt," as the goods ostensibly sent from here to other places for consumption within the Zona Libra have found their way into the interior without the payment of duty to the Government.

ITALY.

ROME, March 18.—The Pope gave an audience yesterday to 100 Canadians, who served in the Pontifical Zouaves. His Holiness congratulated the visitors on their steadfast devotion to the Church.

CANADA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Ont., March 18.—The *Globe* substantiates the charge of forgery against Dodge, the member for North York, by publishing a letter from Canon Ramsey [denying his ever having written the letter signed by his name.

Considerable damage has been done in various quarters by the high winds which prevailed on Sunday night.

The Ontario Government proposes to establish three new Normal Schools in the Province.

OTTAWA, March 18.—Numerous petitions are being presented to Parliament, asking for a prohibitory liquor law. Several petitions have been presented against the return of certain members. Some time was occupied in considering the question of privilege in the case of the *Globe's* charges against Dodge, member for North York. The Speaker allowed it to exhaust itself, when the question was dropped.

The news from Manitoba represent much bitterness of feeling against the Hudson's Bay Company and the Manitoba Government on account of the incorporation of Winnepeg.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE THOMAS-RUBINSTEIN CONCERT.

The second Thomas-Rubinstein concert was given last evening at the Union Park Congregational Church to a good audience, but not as large as it should have been considering the attractive character of the programme, which was much better than that of the first evening. The concerto for the evening was Beethoven's No. 4, and those who had the good fortune to hear it will long remember it, not only as one of the grandest of Beethoven's compositions, but as the most superb musical performance ever heard in this city. Both Rubinstein and Thomas seemed to enter more fully into the spirit of the glorious music than they did on the evening previous, even in Rubinstein's own concerto, which may have been, in part, owing to the fact that they were playing in an auditorium where they could hear each other, and where the piano and orchestra could maintain some mutual relations of sympathy. The orchestra gave itself to its work with most conscientious endeavor, as it always does when Beethoven's music is before it, and fairly divided the honors with Rubinstein. The latter, especially in the slow movement, did some of his grandest work, not only playing with his usual finish of technique and absolute precision of time, which he seemed to preserve even through the orchestral passages in the swaying of his body, but also by his keen appreciation of the sentiment of the composer and the exquisitely beautiful manner in which he developed the ideas of the composition. The playing of this slow movement was the tenderest and most purely poetical effort on the piano ever heard here, and was of itself a musical treat which will not soon be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to hear it. Notwithstanding the severe demand which such a performance must make upon the endurance of the player, he gave the Schumann Carnival with a dash and esprit which were irresistible, especially in the Davidite March which closed it, which he performed as freshly and forcibly as if he had but just sat down to the piano

Wieniawski created a perfect furore by his masterly playing of his own violin concerto, which culminated in a very emphatic encore, to which he replied with Paganini's Carnival of Venice, which was such a marvel of technique that it called out even the loud applause of the orchestra itself. The orchestra played the overture to Cherubini's "Water Carrier," Wagner's spirited Huldigunges March, and the second part of Berlioz's picturesque dramatic symphony of Romeo and Juliet, which was highly colored, as is all of his music. As a whole, the concert was the best ever given in this city. This afternoon the last concert of the season will be given in Aiken's Theatre, with the following splendid programme:

Overture to "Genevieve".....Schumann
Theodore Thomas' Orchestra.
Concerto, E Flat.....Liszt
Mr. Anton Rubinstein and Orchestra.
Concerto, For Violin.....Mendelssohn
Mr. Henri Wieniawski and Orchestra.
Finale, "Prometheus," Op. 43.....Beethoven
Theodore Thomas' Orchestra.
Overture, "Rienzi".....Wagner
Theodore Thomas' Orchestra.
(a) Songs Without Words.....Mendelssohn
(b) Nocturne, } .....Chopin
(c) Ballade, }
Mr. Anton Rubinstein.
(a) Legende, }
(b) Airs Russes, } .....Wieniawski
Mr. Henri Wieniawski.
Rakoczy March.....Liszt
Theodore Thomas' Orchestra.

AT WICKER'S THEATRE.

An audience but little below the average in point of numbers greeted Mr. Booth's appearance last evening in the role of *Cassius* in "Julius Cæsar," the character which is now quite generally regarded as the strongest in the play. Both in physique and peculiar school of acting, Mr. Booth seems to be more distinctively fitted for this part than for that of *Brutus*. The salient qualities are those of bitterness and intensity, and in these phases of feeling Mr. Booth is thoroughly at home. His handling of the character is open to the objection that its moody intensity and bitter melancholy are magnified unduly, to the extent of becoming harsh, saturnine, and misanthropical in his bloom of bitterness and intense in nature and dramatic culture. He gives to *Cassius* his rightful rank in the story—that of the chief conspirator, and the moving spring of the events that follow; but it may be questioned whether he does not, at the same time, carry too far the assumption of superiority over his coadjutors. It is the "star's" undoubted knowledge to command, if he can, by legitimate means, the lion's share of the attention of his auditors, but not to the extent of interference with the established relations of the characters toward each other. For instance, in the garden scene, after the plan of the assassination has been agreed upon, Mr. Booth speaks with tone and gesture of stern command, the sentence: "Friends, disperse yourselves," giving it as a peremptory order, and not as a suggestion. Apart from the apparent desire for prominence, and the occasional disposition to piece out *Cassius* with individual contributions to the elements of the character, Mr. Booth's rendition is powerful and masterly. The grim tenacity of purpose, the gloomy suspicion, the profound discontent, the earnestness of hate, and the strength of friendship,—all these attributes are reproduced with perfect consistency and consummate art. The climax of rage evoked by *Antony's* ill-timed wailings at the killing of *Cæsar* was finely constructed, and the unwilling exit was a superb piece of action. The quarrel scene with *Brutus* was one of the best portions of the rendition, and secured a storm of applause. The exchange of leading characters was effected more successfully than might have been expected. As *Brutus*, Mr. O'Neill was earnest, manly, and dignified, showing an intelligent perception of the requirements of the role, and manifesting a praiseworthy determination to give it his best ability. He can improve the impersonation greatly by speaking his soliloquies with more deliberation and slowness. It is due to Mr. Power to say that he appeared more acceptable as *Antony* than as *Cassius*. He is sadly out of his element, however, in parts of this magnitude. Mr. Maynard has need to keep his eye on his aspirates, in order to prevent the recurrence of the noticeable speech: "Cæsar will stay at *one* to-day." With all his royal munificence, history omits to mention that great *Cæsar* dispensed (with his) "h's" so profusely as all that. To-night Mr. Booth appears as *Marc Antony*.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Some injustice, I think, has been done to our State's Attorney by the various criticisms which have been made of late upon his conduct in the trial of criminal cases. The conclusion which the public seems to have reached reflects somewhat upon the efficiency, if not the integrity, of that officer, and I think, to some extent, unjustly so. He may lack some of the qualifications of a good lawyer, but there are some in which he is not lacking. He is the equal of any man at this bar in energy, zeal, and a willingness to work. He can try more cases in a given space of time, and he does, in fact, try four times as many, as any member of this bar, without exception.

It may be, as is claimed by some, that he is overpaid; if is certain that he is overworked. He tries four times as many cases as he ought to be called upon to try. If he could try his cases four times as well as he does, the result would be satisfactory to everybody but the criminals themselves. But this is not possible. If he were required to try only one-fourth as many as he now does, the result would be equally satisfactory, and this is possible.

Let the Legislature at once pass an act giving the County Commissioners power to appoint three additional State's Attorneys in "all counties having a population of 70,000, or upwards,"—the compensation of such officers to be paid out of the fees collected by State's Attorneys in such counties. These amount to from $8,000 to $10,00 per annum, exclusive of the salary of $7,000 now allowed by law to such State's Attorneys.

The conviction of criminals would thus become certain and efficient, and the expense be no greater than at present. S.

CHICAGO, March 17, 1873.

POSTAL-CARDS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In reference to an article in last Sunday's TRIBUNE on postal-cards and their demerits, signed W. E. Hassell, I beg to offer a few remarks, as the individual who penned those lines on which Mr. Hassell comments could know but little of the postal system of England. Postal-cards are quite as private as letters during their transmission through the post, every officer being forbidden, under penalty of dismissal, to disclose their contents; and, provided they are obscene, they have the authority to prevent the same from being delivered. Written in pencil, they are quite illegible after transmission. I speak from experience, having served in the capacity of Postmaster.

Mr. Hassell's improvement that he suggests, would not remedy these evils. In the first place, any evil-disposed person, wishing to send impertinent messages for others to read during their transmission, would not be likely to fold them in the manner described by Mr. Hassell. Again; if his process were to be put in operation, would it not be as well to dispense with postal-cards, and have half-penny postage at once? Stamped envelopes, or even wrappers, would answer the purpose, without the trouble of inventing something that would be quite superfluous. H. I. D.

CHICAGO, March 15, 1873.

Burning of a Church in Italy---Loss of Life.

From the Voce della Verita, Feb. 14.

The little Church of St. Bernard, at Foligno, took fire during Vespers on Sunday last, and the drapery, which had not been removed since the celebration of a recent festival, rapidly spread the flames throughout the edifice. Women blockaded the main entrances, screaming and uttering prayers. The muslin and gauze burned almost with the rapidity of gunpowder, and large sheets of flames traversed the church in every direction. The heat became intense, and scenes fired the dresses of many women and children. The report that a woman had been crushed to death caused the crowd to rush into the interior of the church, where five victims were burned to death. When the crowd had rushed back they found themselves flanked by fire, as large piles of chairs, kneeling-stools, and benches on either side of the door had been reached by the flames and were burning. The fumes of the burnt drapery were suffocating, and it is the general opinion that the unfortunate females whose lives were sacrificed were first overcome by the stifling smoke. Only two of the bodies have been identified, viz: Ella Forin, a young woman who had been married only two weeks, and Cecilia Trentini. The new altar of the church, with its magnificent tabernacle and rich tapestry is in ruins. Many rare pictures, including an original by Domenichino, are gone. The organ and choir are destroyed. In fact nothing remains of the beautiful shrine of San Bernardo but its charred and desolate pillars and walls.

President Grant and Woman's Suffrage.

From the Golden Age.

The *Golden Age* has received on good authority an anecdote giving a peep into the mind of President Grant on the woman question. Mr. Greenleaf and Mr. Howe, of Boston, and Mr. Willard, a member of Congress, called on the President shortly before his inauguration, and asked him to insert into his inaugural speech a few kindly words in behalf of woman's suffrage. He answered that he was *opposed* to it. They reminded him that the Republican platform adopted at Philadelphia, and on which he was nominated, said in its fourteenth resolve something which the President's female supporters had supposed to mean woman's enfranchisement. He gave a knowing wink, as much as to say, "Well, that was for buncombe," and dismissed the subject with a laugh, saying he would see about it. We mention the occurrence in order to notify those lazy advocates of woman suffrage who expect the Republican party to achieve this reform for them, that they have nothing to expect from the President or from the party, and that the best thing they can do in the emergency is to fall back upon themselves, and go to work as of yore.

How a Hotel-Keeper Knows an Honest Man.

A New York hotel-keeper has discovered an infallible rule for determining the honesty of his customers. He says: "I have made it a rule in my house, whenever a man wants a room and has no baggage, to demand pay in advance, as is usual. If he manifests no objection, and puts his hand in his pocket for money, I tell him it is all right; that he can pay just as well when he goes away. That kind of man always pays. But there is another sort of fellow who, when informed of the rule, pretends to be very indignant, insisting that he is a gentleman, by——, and is not in the habit of having his name questioned or his honesty doubted. In such a case, I invariably insist on the production of the funds, for I know if I don't get them then I never should get them in the world. Men who talk about their honor, and assume to be insulted when requested to pay, can be depended on for first-class dead-beats."

CHICAGO LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 18.

The receipts of live-stock since Saturday have been as follows:

	Cattle.	*Hogs.*	*Sheep.*
Monday	3,066	8,377	273
Tuesday	3,500	13,000	1,660
Total	6,586	21,377	1,973
Same time last week	5,542	13,533	1,302
Week before last	4,990	29,719	2,375

Shipments were as follows:

	Cattle.	*Hogs.*	*Sheep.*
Monday	2,288	5,818	.....

CATTLE.—Owing partly to the large supply on sale, and partly to the unfavorable reaction at the East, the market was dull, and sensibly easier. The arrivals since Saturday have been 6,586, or 1,044 more than for the same time last week, and 1,687 more than for the corresponding period week before last. The attendance of buyers was full, and the quality of the stock offered was above the average, and mainly well suited to the wants of the trade; but these favorable circumstances were counterbalanced by the excessive character of the supply, and the reported depreciation of values at the East, and, as before stated, trading was slow at weak and irregular prices. The number on sale today reached fully 4,000, of which less than 2,000 were disposed of. Sales were principally on New York, Boston, Albany, Pittsburgh, and Buffalo accounts, at $4.50@5.00 for common to medium steers, averaging from 1,100 to 1,300 lbs, and at $5.25@6.00 for good to choice qualities, averaging from 1,200 to 1,450 lbs. R. Strahorn & Co. sold a large drove (90 head) at $6.15, and a bunch of extra steers, averaging 1,474 lbs, was bought by Isaac Waixel at $6.50, but, with these two exceptions, nothing fetched over $6.00. Butchers were idle, nor were feeders operating to any considerable extent, and, so far as common grades were concerned, trade may almost be said to have been at a stand-still. Holders of thin common butchers' stuff would have been glad to close out at a material concession from previous rates, but just how much lower prices really were it is impossible, in the absence of sales, to determine. Stock steers are nominally firm, and the demand may be expected to keep pace with the supply.

Thus far during the present week the Jews have been the principal operators, the purchases of Isaac Waixel alone embracing 1,600 head. His purchases yesterday amounted to 1,014 head.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra—Graded steers averaging 1,450 lbs and upwards	$6.25@6.40
Choice Beeves—Fine, fat, well formed 3 year to 5 year old steers, averaging 1,350 to 1,400 lbs	5.75@6.00
Good Beeves—Well-fattened, finely-formed steers, averaging 1,200 to 1,300 lbs	5.25@5.50
Medium Grades—Steers in fair flesh, averaging 1,150 to 1,300 lbs	4.75@5.00
Butchers' Stock—Common to fair steers, and good to extra cows, for city slaughter, averaging 800 to 1,100 lbs	3.75@4.50
Stock Cattle—Common cattle, in decent flesh, averaging 700 to 1,050 lbs	3.40@4.40
Inferior—Light and thin cows, heifers, stags, bulls, and scallawag steers	1.75@3.00
Cattle—Texas, Northern wintered	2.75@3.75
Cattle—Corn-fed Texans	4.00@4.85

CATTLE SALES.

No.	*Av.*	*Price.*
111 good steers	1,269	$5.65
18 good steers	1,300	5.65
18 good steers	1,220	5.25
17 light fleshy steers	1,050	4.50
16 medium steers	1,140	4.75
16 choice steers	1,411	5.90
15 medium steers	1,140	4.75
16 good steers	1,260	5.55
90 choice steers	1,492	6.15
18 medium steers	1,250	5.00
21 good steers	1,338	5.50
66 Texas steers	1,083	4.00
16 choice steers	1,240	6.00
16 choice steers	1,313	5.40
16 good steers	1,389	5.40
29 butchers' steers	1,238	4.25
14 cows	960	3.12½
30 choice steers	1,353	5.75
72 choice steers	1,367	5.75
18 fair steers	1,133	4.90
17 fair steers	1,052	4.50
17 fair steers	1,140	4.35
17 fair steers	1,187	4.90
12 cows	773	3.65
15 extra steers	1,474	6.50
122 Texas steers	1,283	5.12½
14 rough steers	1,317	5.00
32 good steers	1,242	5.20
20 good steers	1,210	5.25
20 good steers	1,370	5.50
20 stock steers	1,099	4.50
20 stockers	906	4.25
22 fair steers	1,232	5.00
16 good steers	1,288	5.45
17 cows, etc	961	4.00
30 fleshy steers	1,055	4.85
17 good steers	1,229	5.00

HOGS.—There was less animation in the hog trade, and prices were weak and lower. The supply was by no means large, but was composed of a class of stock but poorly suited to the wants of buyers, and this fact, taken in connection with reports of lower prices at the East, caused general depression among all classes of operators, and prices settled back to about the closing rates of last week, or to $4.75@5.20 for poor to choice. Even at the reduction, there was nothing like activity in the demand, and moderate as was the supply not all the offerings found buyers. Sales were effected at $4.75@4.95 for poor to common; at $5.00@5.05 for medium, and at $5.10@5.20 for good to choice—principally at $5.00@5.10.

HOG SALES.

No.	*Av.*	*Price.*	*No.*	*Av.*	*Price.*	*No.*	*Av.*	*Price.*
30	235	$5.00	27	273	$4.75	99	222	$5.00
59	213	5.10	23	199	5.10	54	225	5.10
64	242	4.85	36	238	5.15	72	202	5.00
44	251	4.85	46	179	5.10	46	247	5.00
68	192	5.10	38	190	5.10	49	207	5.12½
104	206	5.05	67	363	5.20	65	231	5.10
115	240	5.20	46	248	5.00	34	260	5.00
51	315	5.00	68	295	5.12½	43	226	5.05
35	170	4.90	56	198	5.10	64	228	5.10
30	333	4.80	47	192	5.05	49	290	5.10
65	198	5.05	55	208	5.00	48	199	5.00
56	268	5.05	83	179	5.00	69	147	4.80
60	236	5.15	37	172	4.80	63	229	5.12½
70	202	5.05	46	318	4.80	59	249	5.15
24	266	5.20	38	260	5.12½	58	210	5.10
57	233	5.05	40	237	5.12½	49	303	5.00
45	207	5.00	30	196	5.10	49	262	5.15
39	197	5.05	72	175	5.00	60	140	4.80
52	204	5.05	21	190	5.10	54	200	5.05
70	210	5.00	48	191	4.85	54	198	5.12½
50	254	5.10	68	213	5.10	59	231	5.10
136	196	5.00	48	193	5.05	59	260	4.75
29	207	4.90	60	236	5.15	80	202	5.00
37	300	5.05	80	214	5.05	51	224	5.05
65	219	5.15	54	213	5.00	58	193	5.00
39	205	5.10	130	209	5.00	68	220	4.90
59	250	5.00	54	195	5.10	49	198	5.00
72	198	5.05						

SHEEP.—Were in better request and prices are firmer, as the receipts were light and not sufficient to supply the wants of the local and outside buyers in attendance. The quality was better than usual, and most of the sales were effected at $4.00@5.25. We quote poor to common at $3.50@4.00; medium at $4.25@4.50, and good to strictly choice at $4.75@5.65. The following are some of the transactions:

SHEEP SALES.

No.	*Av.*	*Price.*	*No.*	*Av.*	*Price.*	*No.*	*Av.*	*Price.*
90	90	$4.25	77	96	$5.25	24	125	$5.25
150	106	5.65	96	101	5.50	43	92	5.00
167	86	4.87½						

CHICAGO DRY GOODS MARKET.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 18.

During the week under review steadily fair activity has characterized the demand for staple domestic and foreign dry goods, and prices have been sustained with unequivocal firmness. The attendance of interior merchants is noticeably on the increase, and there can be no doubt that a continuance of the present spring-like weather would impart a decided stimulus to trade, as the elements essential to a large distribution of merchandise are not wanting. Aside from staple textiles, the movement continues a little slack.

The carpet trade is slowly improving, the volume of sales for the past week exceeding that of any of the preceding weeks of the present season. The demand, however, is still far from being active, and prices are only indifferently sustained. Below are the quotations:

BROWN COTTONS.

Atlantic A, 4-4	14 c	Great Falls E, 4-4	13½c
Atlantic H, 4-4	13½	Cabot A, 4-4	13
Atlantic D, 4-4	12½	Cabot W, 4-4	12½
Atlantic P, 4-4	11½	Lawrence, L L, 4-4	12½
Indian Head, 4-4	14	Agawam F, 4-4	11½
Indian Head, 3-4	12½	Shawmut, L L	12
Stark A, 4-4	14	Swift River	10½
Nashville, 36 in	14	Hoosier, 4-4	12
Nashville, 30 in	12	Utica C, 4-4	10

FINE BROWNS.

Nashua E, 40-in	16 c	Dwight Star, 4-4	15
Nashua E, 36-in	14½	Continental C	14½
Nashua O, 33-in	13½	Lawrence D	14½
Pepperell E, 40-in	14½	Newmarket A	12½
Pepperell B, 36-in	13½	Massachusetts B B	13
Pepperell O, 33-in	12½	Massachusetts E	12
Pepperell N, 30-in	11½	Portsmouth P	9

PRINTS.

Merrimac W. Pink	13½c	Garner Fancy	11½c
Merrimac D. Fancy	11½	Amoskeag Fancy	10
Cocheco Fancy	12	Mourning	11 to 11½
Dunnell Fancy	11½	Shirting	10½ to 11½
Richmond Fancy	11½	Mallory Pink	12½